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Worth Checking Out

Go Gauchos

A homecoming parade celebrating the undefeated Gauchos football team is scheduled to start at 1:15 p.m. Friday in front of the high school on Ashbury Avenue. It will proceed from their down Lincoln before going south to the Plaza. Gaucho supporters and parade lovers are invited to spectate or walk along with the procession, including marching band and floats. Unlike past years the parade will not go along San Pablo Avenue, primarily due to traffic concerns. Instead it will go to the Plaza and entertain patrons there.

Bus Riders Union

The first meeting of the Bus Riders Union, a coalition of riders and drivers dedicated to securing more government funding for AC Transit, is scheduled today from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Redwood Gardens, 2951 Derby St. (off the No. 7 line). A second meeting will be held Oct. 23 from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at Strawberry Creek Lodge, 1320 Addison St. (off lines 51 or 68).

Sustainable El Cerrito

The agenda of the next Sustainable El Cerrito meeting (Tuesday, Oct. 14, 7:30 p.m.) will include an update on local developments and a roundtable discussion on the principles of sustainability. The meeting will be in the third floor lounge at the El Cerrito Royale Retirement Residence, 6510 Gladys (at Lexington). Use the main entrance, behind St. John's Community Center, on the Greenway side of the building.

Paperback mania

The Albany Friends' Paperback Book Sale will be held on Saturday, Oct. 25, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Edith Stone Room of the Albany Library. For ease of viewing, the books will be displayed by categories: Mystery, Science Fiction, General Fiction, Romance, a few Westerns, and many kinds of magazines.

Most paperbacks are 50 cents. Quality paperbacks are specially priced, and romances and magazines are five for \$1 or \$2 per bag. Early arrivals get the best selection. As always, all profits from the sale benefit the Albany Library. For more information call 526-3720.

Theater party

The American Association of University Women, Richmond-El Cerrito Branch, will hold a theater party on Sunday, Nov. 2, at the Contra Costa Civic Theater to benefit the Educational Foundation. The performance, which begins at 2 p.m., will feature "I Remember Mama," a family story set in San Francisco in the early 1900s. Tickets, \$25 each, are available from Virginia McClellan, Educational Foundation vice-president, at 527-6867.

Sierra Club meeting

Tom Moores of Greenbelt Alliance will be the guest speaker of the West Contra Costa Group of the Sierra Club on today, at 7:30 p.m. at Northminster Presbyterian Church 545 Ashbury, El Cerrito. Moores, East Bay field representative of Greenbelt Alliance, will discuss the developments proposed for Cowell Ranch and Tassajara in the east part of Contra Costa County. County Supervisor Jim Rogers will also attend to discuss his proposed County general plan amendment to require developers to include affordable housing in their proposals. Details: Debbie Landshoff, 233-9733.

Day at the Symphony

The West Contra Costa Public Education Fund and the City of Richmond are co-sponsoring "Family Day at the Symphony," a young people's concert featuring the Oakland/East Bay Symphony, under the direction of Michael Morgan, joined by young musicians from the East Bay Center for the Performing Arts. The event is Oct. 19 at 2 p.m. at the Richmond Convention Center, 25th and Nevin. Tickets are \$5 adults, \$2 kids 12 and under. To order: 620-6787.

Shortcomings mounting at Interim High

■ Lockers, lunch shelter and the phone system are among the problems.

By Emily Lundberg

ALBANY—For the most part, the placement of Albany High School in portables, while the school is rebuilt to the current seismic code, is running as smoothly as can be expected. However, there are some ongoing snags, the most long-term being the lack of both lockers and a lunch shelter.

The most prominent "boondoggles," according to Superintendent Dale Hudson, are the lack of lockers and ongoing problems with the telephone network in administrative and other offices.

'In the '90s you'd think you wouldn't have problems getting phones hooked up.'

J. DALE HUDSON, ALBANY SCHOOLS SUPERINTENDENT

"In the '90s you'd think you wouldn't have problems getting phones hooked up," said Hudson. Despite our living in the '90s, the school district has had an unlucky bout with several contractors who have "failed" them.

The other "big boondoggle" is the lack of lockers.

"We do not have too much hope of completely remedying that problem," said Hudson.

The administration is looking at existing wall space in the Fine Arts Building and elsewhere on campus to install some of the old main building lockers.

"That is an area where I will

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State board holds fate of AHS funding

By Emily Lundberg

ALBANY—On Oct. 22, the school board will go before the State Allocation Board to request hard-ship funds for rebuilding the now condemned and seismically unsafe Albany High School. The district will also go before the Office of Public School Construction to request funds above the already granted 50%-50% match for construction of the new Middle School.

The Office of Public School Construction (OPSC) was the first state agency to recommend rejection of the school board's retrofit funding application. The OPSC is staff to the State Allocation Board, the body the school board is scheduled to appear before at the end of this month.

The OPSC recommended denial of the application for AHS because the high school was modernized in 1993, and modernization is supposed to bring a building up to seismic code. In 1993, the school board thought it could pay for the retrofit with bond money, but since then seismic standards have become more strict, therefore the job has become substantially more expensive.

On Oct. 22, the Albany school board will make a brief presentation to the State Allocation Board. For the most part, the district's struc-

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Before there was an Albany



Greg Hugunin

Parishoners are readying to celebrate the 90th anniversary of Albany United Methodist Church.

Albany United Methodist observing its 90th year

By Greg Hugunin

Continuing a tradition older than the city itself, members of the Albany United Methodist Church will celebrate the church's 90th anniversary on Sunday, Oct. 19 at 10 a.m.

The celebration will include a worship service, a light buffet lunch and a time to recall the many years members have spent at Albany's pioneer church. A congregation which, in the 1950s, numbered as many as 350, the church has, members say, provided both a place to worship and a sense of family over the years, a tradition they hope to continue into the next millennium.

The church was first formed in 1907, when Albany was called Ocean View and a small group of worshippers began meeting in a private residence on Kains Avenue. At the time, Albany was a town of vegetable farms and wide open spaces, and by 1911, the church's congregation grew from its original 16 and became

an official member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

The church moved into its current building on Stannage Avenue in 1927, where it had, among other things, its own social hall and the city's first indoor gymnasium. It has served both Albany locals and persons from as far away as Ghana and Iran, promoting tolerance and service to the community while accepting the many perspectives of those who walk through the church doors, members say.

"It's for all the groups who have felt as if they didn't belong to the church," says Pastor Phillip Kearse. "We don't share all the same ideas, but we come together as one in Christ."

For many, membership in the church is something that has spanned decades. Jerome Blank, for example, started Sunday school there in 1925, and continues to be an active member.

"It's like home to me," says Blank. "It's a friendly group of Christians who help each other in times of need."

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Unlikely Plaza partners move ahead gingerly

■ The city is entering talks with a partnership whose proposals were rejected before.

By Emily Lundberg

EL CERRITO—For the second time this year, the redevelopment agency is looking to negotiate exclusively with a joint development entity that will revitalize the Plaza. In marked contrast to the first agreement, however, this time the agreement is with the majority Plaza owners, American Stores and Milton Bilak.

Just one month ago, the agency was preparing to use its powers of eminent domain to seize Bilak's portion of the Plaza. And nine months before that, Bilak and American Stores generated separate Plaza development plans, both of which called for ousting the other.

This seemingly combative trio — the agency, American Stores,

and Bilak — took shape last month when a nine-month stint with the preferred Developer, Wilton Partners, ended.

In April, 1996, the South Gateway Development Area (SGDA) Community Planning Process generated a concept plan, and three months later, during the selection process, Wilton Partners was most responsive to that concept plan and was selected.

During this initial selection process, the current majority owners of the Plaza, American Stores (Lucky, now owner of the Emporium) and Milton Bilak (landlord of all the small stores and Lucky), also generated proposals.

Bilak's El Cerrito Plaza Company "proposed a plan that used Safeway," said Agency Chair Jane Bartke. "They threw Lucky's out the door. Lucky's wanted to throw the El Cerrito Plaza Company out the door. American Stores then re-

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A pedestrian look at San Pablo Ave.

By Greg Hugunin

ALBANY—Gazing for the first time on the document that could help shape the future of the city's main traffic thoroughfare, the City Council Monday night unanimously approved the San Pablo Avenue Vision Plan.

The plan, created by a city-hired consultant after a series of community meetings, seeks to create a "new vision" for San Pablo both by encouraging more retail and residential development and funding improvements to draw pedestrians to the normally automobile-dominated street. In approving the plan, the council also ordered implementation of a long list of actions, including possible formation of a redevelopment area to combine existing lots, a move that, according to city staff, might in turn draw developers to San Pablo.

As many who have passed through the visioning process have pointed out, San Pablo, at present, is geared toward auto-related use. Though the street serves as a major traffic artery for the I-80 corridor and will continue to do so in the foreseeable future, the city has also

sought ways to draw more pedestrians and shoppers, and thus more revenue-producing businesses.

Road to a new San Pablo

The new San Pablo, the plan suggests, should include denser development on the street, two and three story mixed-use projects and "nodes" of retail and other activity that in turn would bring business into Albany. One problem there, though, rests with the fact that most land on San Pablo is already occupied, meaning future development would have to come as infill on existing sites.

Also, according to the plan, the size of current lots is too small to attract the larger-scale projects that would be both economically feasible and desirable from an aesthetic point of view. For example, while most lots run from 2,500 to 5,000 square feet, the plan envisions buildings of 10,000 square feet or more.

To create the larger lots, the plan suggests creating zoning code incentives, such as expedited review and waiver of necessary use permits for larger projects, as well as

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Creek cleanups

In an effort to clean local creeks before the rains of El Nino begin, the City of Albany and Friends of Five Creeks will be sponsoring their second cleanup of Cerrito Creek, this time along Albany Hilton Oct. 11. Meet at Creekside Park in El Cerrito, at the south end of Belmont Street off Central Avenue. The cleanup will start at 10 a.m. and will include the removal of invasive plants from the creek corridor. Volunteers are encouraged to wear waterproof boots and work gloves. Bring pruning tools, if possible. The final October cleanup will be Oct. 18 along lower Codornices Creek. For more information, call the city of Albany at 528-5760.



Letters to the Editor

Working for the good of the school district

Editor:
Since when is it a crime to donate something to our public schools? John Muth (Letters, Oct. 2) seems to think it is. He criticizes school Boardmember Karen Fenton for bringing in volunteer help, especially in the developing "School to Career" program. Businesses are helping students learn about real work. These businesses receive nothing in return except the knowledge that they are helping young people get a start in life.

Karen Fenton has spent a good portion of her four years on the School Board trying to get the public and business community involved in the schools. The involvement, both in time, and in opportunities, and occasional small contributions of equipment or funds, has helped our schools and our students immensely. Karen has been a pillar of good government and ethics throughout.

In 1991 I served on a citizens' committee trying to rescue the schools from bankruptcy. Karen was a regular participant in these meetings, and John came occasionally. At that time we all agreed that involving the community in the schools and soliciting help from the community was a good idea. Karen went on to serve on the School Board and put those ideas to good use. Perhaps John is jealous of her success.

Dwight Merrill
El Cerrito

New traffic patterns, new traffic dangers

The Journal received a copy of the following letter to Ray Barker, Albany Engineering and Maintenance Manager:

On Sept. 15 around 7:30 a.m. our daughter was hit by a car at the corner of Portland and Ramona while crossing the street to the high school. A number of factors contributed to the accident. The driver, (thankfully going only 15 miles per hour due to being near a school and being a responsible parent of a former Albany High student herself) was driving east and blinded by the early-morning sun shining directly into her eyes. In addition, there is no cross-walk at the intersection our daughter was crossing. As a result a large van was parked right up to the corner, blocking the view of both the driver and our daughter, keeping both of them from seeing the other. Although our daughter did look both ways before crossing, and waited until another car had gone through the intersection, she did not see the car that hit her until the moment she stepped out from behind the van into the street — at which point the car was only a foot away from her, much too late for either of them to stop.

Since this happened we have become very aware of how much traffic patterns around the high school have changed with the abandonment of the old high school building and the new arrangement of portable classrooms. Now the main entrance to most of the classrooms is the ramp directly east of the swimming pool on Portland, rather than on Key Route.

This has made traffic congestion much worse in the area, particularly during the early morning before school starts, at lunch time, and after school. In addition, there are no stop signs at all on Portland between Key Route and Santa Fe, inviting cars to zip along unimpeded in front of the new classrooms for a stretch of five blocks.

We would like you to request your staff to review this situation and to place it on the agenda of the next meeting of the Traffic and Safety Commission as an action item. Since the old building was abandoned precisely because of concerns about our children's safety, it seems essential to pay some attention to their safety in the street as well. With added congestion in the area, we fear it is just a matter of time before more accidents occur. Thank you for your consideration.

Anitra Balzer, Carter Mehl
Albany

We are civic family

Editor:

I'd like to correct a misleading impression a story in the October 2, 1997 edition of The Journal may inadvertently have created.

The three major donors to my campaign committee your story characterized as being from "out-of-town" are, in fact, all El Cerrito business owners.

While they reside elsewhere, they make their living here in El Cerrito. In my book, that makes them members of our civic family.

I will continue to welcome any and all donations from members of El Cerrito's business community.

Thom Stark
El Cerrito

Skills well-suited for a full council term

Editor:

Mark Friedman was appointed to the El Cerrito City Council in April 1997, to fill a vacancy. Since then he has listened carefully to testimony given at council meetings, and has responded thoughtfully and courteously. He has attended grass roots meetings around the city, noting well what citizens want. He chaired the Del Norte Task Force, using his skill as a diplomat.

For six years Friedman has been Chief of Staff for two Alameda County supervisors, a position for which he is well suited, having interpersonal skills, recognition of who are policy makers, and an understanding of what it takes to make a game plan work.

Joan Bartulovich
El Cerrito

Price supporter speaks out

Editor:

I am a parent in the West Contra Costa School District and would like to strongly voice my support for Glen Price for School Board. He is an outstanding candidate, worthy of our attention and our vote.

I have known Glen Price for eight years, since our children were in pre-school together. Throughout those years, Glen has always shown an amazing dedication, not only to our children and our school, but to the health and future of the entire school district and all of the children of WCCSD. The implementation of Glen's concrete platform of positive reform in our schools is exactly the breath of fresh air that our schools need.

Glen Price has my support and my vote.

Kathy Day-Huh
El Cerrito

Civility in deed as well as word

Editor:

This letter is in response to the

current "pledge for civility" circulating for the upcoming city council election.

It's encouraging to see citizens taking an interest in the workings of the city. I think it would be beneficial to note that when the candidates agreed to run for office, they had the opportunity to voluntarily sign the Code of Fair Campaign Practices which addressed issues of civility.

A couple of points are important to note. As we've seen at the recent Democratic Club debate, all candidates conducted themselves in a civil and mannered way, regardless of whether there was agreement on individual political positions. I am encouraged by this sign.

Unfortunately, the same cannot be said of existing city council members. As recently as the last council meeting the Mayor attacked citizens for their work and efforts in protecting the Del Norte neighborhood, where they live. This attack was uncivil to say the least, and more accurately, quite vicious. If candidates are going to agree to behave in a civil manner, then this practice should extend to the city council as well.

More to the point, however, is that civility is an issue of actions as well as words. I have observed the organizer of the Del Norte Community Task Force behave in a very polite and mannerly way. Quite frankly, however, his actions have not always matched his words. Specifically, as organizer for this planning task force, I have observed him schedule meetings and cancel them without proper notice, and allow conclusions and agreements made in one meeting to be completely disregarded in the next. This behavior has undermined the progress and credibility of the task force — one that many people had great hope for. This behavior violates the spirit of advancing the very principles members of the community are trying to advocate.

Therefore, as the campaign chairperson for Larry Damon in this election, I ask that, as we go forward, all candidates and city council members be civil and forthright in both their words and actions.

Anne Delehunt
El Cerrito

'Holdout house' and efforts at relocation

(The Journal recently ran two letters on the house that had survived in the parking lot of Home Depot until it was recently torn down. The following letter is an addendum to that discussion.)

A member of the Berry family, no longer living in El Cerrito, telephoned the writer to say that my article in The Journal (Sept. 18) made the family seem indifferent to the fate of the old house. She wanted her friends in El Cerrito to know that the family did its best to save the house, but could not sell it for relocation.

Art Schroeder
El Cerrito Historical Society

An open letter to the citizens of Albany

As my first year as council member draws to a close, I want to thank my fellow council members for their professional and respectful conduct in our deliberation of issues. Similarly, I must acknowledge City Administrator Daren Fields and all the department heads and staff for the good support they have given me this year. There is a learning curve for any council member, and staff have been very patient in explaining various sides of an issue or possible options to me, so I could make informed decisions.

The citizens of Albany do need to know what an outstanding staff we have. This year as I served on a League of California Cities committee, I listened to mayors and council members from numerous large and small limited-growth cities like Albany talk about the horrendous cuts they have made; for example, closing down parks altogether. Our staff have facilitated our continued good services by aggressively seeking a variety of federal and state grants for specific projects.

Still, this is a challenging time for the city as we seek to continue the services which we expect. Some user fees and licenses have increased, and we must be vigilant that these not impede residents improving their property and therefore, our city. With the vision and planning of the city

council and city administrator and input from numerous citizens, I feel confident that we are building an economic base and infrastructure that will serve Albany into the 21st century.

I want to take this opportunity to again thank those of you who supported my election. While some of my decisions have not represented your individual viewpoints on specific issues just as they have not necessarily represented my hope, they have represented what I thought would best serve the city of Albany. I have appreciated those of you who have had concerns throughout the year expressing those concerns to me. I trust that you have been able to give your reasonable response, please feel free to let me know when we have.

I want to express my appreciation to those of you who have agreed to give your time and energy as my appointees on various commission and committees. I currently have a vacancy on the Arts Committee, so if anyone is interested in that position, please get an application from City Clerk Jackie Buchholz and let me know.

Finally, I am ever open to your comments on any issue. Feel free to call me at 527-2449 or 527-5777, ext. 854.

Peggy J. Thomas
Albany

Candidates' Forum

7 guiding principles for a better El Cerrito

By Larry Damon

City Council candidate

Most of us in El Cerrito recognize that our city faces challenges from a number of issues — improving city services and increasing financial responsibility; opening communications while respecting multiple points of view; revitalizing our commercial base and shoring up redevelopment finances — to name just a few.

While citizens may have different perspectives on these issues, we nearly all agree that significant changes are necessary. As a candidate for City Council, I believe we can improve our City, raise our quality of life, and enhance our commercial appeal to attract quality new businesses to El Cerrito.

Before significant change can begin, however, we must find a common purpose and understanding among us. I believe we can do this best by agreeing on core principles on which we will base the management of our city. For example: "Is focusing on high density housing the right strategy for El Cerrito?" "Should market-driven development be the cornerstone to drive redevelopment?" "Should community services be guaranteed certain funding levels?" If we answer these questions, then we can translate these principles into practice.

Every candidate in the coming election has expressed the usual high sounding visions of WHAT he or she would like to do. But, more than that is required if lasting change is to become reality. I believe candidates must also tell voters HOW they are going to deliver the promises they make. With that goal in mind, I offer you, the voter, as well as the present office holders and candidates in this election, the following Principles and Practices to revitalize El Cerrito.

These principles cover Services, Redevelopment Debt, Finances, Taxes, Communications, Redevelopment Planning, and Housing.

Principle #1: Community services ensure community

support.

Practice: The City's budget has increased from \$11 million to \$14 million over the last three years. During this period however, many community services have been eliminated or substantially reduced. We must rethink our priorities to improve services that better serve the needs of the entire community. These services include not only enhanced police and fire protection, but also extended library hours, and improved youth baseball and soccer fields. We must restore monies taken from recreation programs through better financial accountability, debt repayment, better decisions and management practices, and by reducing the ever-growing costs of legal services. I am committed to redirecting \$150,000+ per year into these services without affecting other services or programs.

Principle #2: Introduce debt repayment plan between the Redevelopment Agency and the City.

Practice: Before considering any tax assessments, the City must first collect the \$1.7 million debt owed to it by the Redevelopment Agency. A clear and enforceable debt repayment plan that reduces this outstanding debt to zero over the next five years must be implemented before any additional tax is considered. Such a plan should be implemented before the Redevelopment Agency acquires any additional debt and must be factored into any future debt service.

Principle #3: Institute full financial disclosure with clear and traceable reports.

Practice: Our City should be run like our homes and businesses. We must encourage confidence in City operations through full financial disclosure with clear and traceable accounting. City and Redevelopment Agency budgets must be kept current and must identify where every dollar is being spent with funds traceable to each department and purpose.

Principle #4: No new tax assessments without clear justification.

Practice: New tax proposals must be avoided until there is clear, complete and understandable disclosure of the City's and Redevelopment Agency's Budgets. Tax assessments would be permissible only if:

a) the need is honestly and clearly demonstrated, b) the use of the new revenues is clearly specified, c) General Fund reallocations and offsets do not result, d) an outstanding debt collection program has been established.

Principle #5: An informed community is an involved community.

Practice: The community deserves open and honest communications from its elected representatives.

We must hold to this standard at all times by reinstating televised Council and Agency meetings, publishing calendars and agendas well in advance of meetings, and having frequent

community and council sessions that truly guide the decisions of the Council and Agency. While State law requires 72-hour advance notice of council meetings, the Council's frequent practice of announcing public agendas beginning Friday at 4 p.m. for Monday meetings does not meet the spirit of this law and generates further mistrust. Differing opinions from citizens must also be encouraged and respected.

Principle #6: Don't spend more than we have.

Practice: Declare a moratorium on Redevelopment activities until: a) we have a clear picture of the Agency's financial condition; b) a new General Plan is produced that integrates our resident and business interests in a way that reflects and protects El Cerrito's neighborhood standards; c) a new and comprehensive Redevelopment Plan is produced that establishes measurable acceptance criteria by which the General Plan can be met; and d) the Supplemental EIR is updated to accurately reflect existing and anticipated environmental conditions.

Principle #7: Focus future Redevelopment on market-driven development and planning to meet community needs.

Practice: Redevelopment must be approached in a sensible, cautious and balanced manner without compromising its basic purpose of fighting blight. It should be refocused on market-driven development balanced with community interests. High density housing and excessive spending on affordable housing should be curtailed in favor of longer-term commercial investment strategies that revitalize our commercial areas. The community's interest in light density office use in the Del Norte area is a good example of sound long-term strategy that would balance the local economy with the retail make-up of the Plaza, on the other end of town.

Summary

We want to advance the principles and practices that revitalize El Cerrito a community where new families want to live. Because of the years of mismanagement caused by the current Council, their lack of financial accountability, and the inordinate amount of attention, both in terms of time and money, on Redevelopment, the core task of this city government — to safeguard and plan the future of El Cerrito — has been neglected.

We need to spend our energy building trust with the community, getting our financial house in order, and using Redevelopment as just one of the many tools to revitalize El Cerrito. We need invest more in our communities using other tools to deliver the kind of city we want for a new generation.

Having lived here for over 30 years, I'm optimistic about El Cerrito's future, but very realistic about where we are today. I call upon fellow citizens to consider these principles and practices, become engaged in our community, and vote "Yes!" for a better El Cerrito.

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Firehouse doors will be open to public Saturday

Albany firefighters want you to learn what they do and how you can prevent fires

By Alex Cohen

ALBANY — On the eve of Oct. 8, 1871, a cow owned by a woman named Mrs. O'Leary kicked over a lantern starting a fire which ravaged half of Mrs. O'Leary's barn and most of the city of Chicago. In commemoration of the Great Chicago Fire, Oct. 5 to 11 has been officially declared National Fire Prevention Week.

Throughout the week, Albany's Fire Department has been visiting schools, demonstrating how they fight fires and teaching students about home safety. Fire Prevention Week will come to a close this Saturday with Albany's annual Fire Department Open House at 1000 San Pablo Avenue.

The event will kick off at 9 a.m. with a pancake breakfast sponsored by the Albany Firefighter's Association. Then, starting at 10 a.m., there will be a variety of booths, contests, and displays. Firefighters will use the "jaws of life" tool to

tear apart a car, demonstrating the techniques used to free victims of severe automobile accidents. There will be a live fire exhibit with audience participation. A \$1 donation to the department's Public Education Program will buy a chance to douse Fire Chief Marc McGinn in a dunk tank.

For those worried about the potential threat of El Nino, Pacific Gas and Electric will be on hand to answer questions about home safety. Several varieties of smoke detectors and BEST fire extinguishers will also be on display. American Red Cross will conduct CPR and first aid classes. There will also be a table offering free blood pressure evaluations.

Kids can get plastic firefighter helmets, stickers, badges, pins, even temporary tattoos. The department will also show videos about fire safety and provide punch and cookies. For 1st through 3rd graders, there will be a coloring contest with \$50 saving bond prizes.

Firefighter and paramedic Mark Dayton is part of the team which has been doing school visits this week. As part of their demonstration, they put on their firefighter's outfit one piece at a time. That way, he said, in the event of a fire, children won't be afraid of an unfamiliar person wearing a uniform. "We're kind of scary when we have all our stuff on. When we're all done (putting on our outfits) we

look like Darth Vader," Dayton said.

Dayton said that at last year's open house, which drew more than 500 people, parents said they couldn't believe how much their children had learned in just one school visit.

Teaching fire prevention is serious business, Dayton said. "We're very dramatic about it. We try to teach it in a way that's fun and the kids don't forget it."

I-80 worker killed when car enters construction zone

Motorist arrested for drunk driving

Caltrans issued a plea last week for motorists to show caution around construction zones after a worker on the Interstate 80 reconstruction project was struck and killed early last Friday by an allegedly drunk motorist whose vehicle went into the construction area.

The California Highway Patrol says Martinez resident Laurie Bolen, 30, was traveling 45 to 55 mph on eastbound Highway 80 near Gilman Street about 3 a.m. when she drove her 1993 Jeep Cherokee into a lane that had been closed.

The Jeep struck the 28-year-old worker, who was standing behind a roadway resurfacing device.

Several other construction

workers were in the lane closure area, but were not injured.

Caltrans said the worker was employed by Romero Construction, a subcontractor to Kiewit Pacific, which is under contract to perform work on the I80/I580/Buchanan Street Interchange in Albany.

The victim was pronounced dead on arrival at Highland General Hospital in Oakland.

Bolen, who was not injured, was arrested on a charge of felony drunk driving and may also face a charge of felony vehicular manslaughter, according to a CHP spokesman.

Her car was moderately damaged.

A full investigation is being conducted.

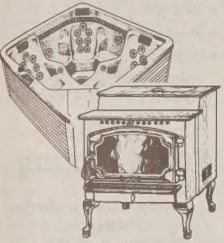


Enjoy Autumn in the garden

This El Cerrito garden (far more spectacular in living color) is inspired by nature and has 19 ponds and over 2,000 plantings. The garden, which has been a 44-year labor of love for its owner and was the object of a recent visit by the Royal Horticultural Society of Great Britain, is one of four beautiful area gardens featured on a tour tomorrow benefitting Elder Abuse Prevention, a Richmond-based tax exempt charity. You can get a look at the above garden, as well three other area gardens that have to be seen to be believed, from 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15 per person (which includes a raffle for prizes). Elder Abuse Prevention is at 1015 Nevin Ave., Suite 102, in Richmond or call 233-3427.

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Police Reports

Food Bowl break-in yields nothing

By Emily Lundberg

EL CERRITO — A Richmond man pulled over on Potrero and San Pablo on Sept. 22 at 2 a.m. was found to be driving while intoxicated with an outstanding warrant for the same. On Sept. 21, a Richmond man was pulled over at Highland and So. 57th St. for not having his lights on, and was found to be driving under the influence of alcohol. A Berkeley woman was pulled over for vehicle violations on San Pablo and Cutting on Sept. 20 and was found to be driving while under the influence. A Richmond man was pulled over on San Pablo and Eastshore Blvd. on Sept. 20 and was found to be driving under the influence.

A San Pablo man was pulled over on Sept. 13 at the corner of San Pablo and Moeser and was found to be under the influence of alcohol. An El Cerrito man was observed driving while under the influence of alcohol or a drug on Sept. 18 and was apprehended in the Safeway parking lot.

At the corner of Ashbury and A St. on Sept. 13, a Berkeley man in an auto accident was found to have been operating the vehicle while under the influence of alcohol. Another Berkeley man was pulled over on San Pablo and Moeser on Sept. 29 and was found to be in possession of 1,050 grams of marijuana.

Between Sept. 28 and 29, someone used a crow bar to pry a wood panel off the north side of Food Bowl grocery, only to find, once inside, that the store was empty.

A set of keys was found at the El Cerrito Plaza at 5 p.m. on Sept. 28.

A Richmond woman entered Target on Sept. 25, removed a pair of shoes from a shelf, put them on her feet and left the store without paying for them. She was arrested for petty theft. A man entered Target on Sept. 26, concealed merchandise in his bag, and left the store without paying.

Someone smashed the back window of a '90 Acura Legend parked on the 1400 block of Norvell St. on Sept. 26. Someone shattered the right front window of an '86 Toyota between Sept. 25 and 26 while it was parked on 7700 Potrero Ave. Someone entered an '85 Nissan parked on the 1700 block of Eastshore Blvd. and stole the in-dash stereo on Sept. 24.

In a retirement home on the 6500 block of Gladys Ave., a woman said someone took her purse from under her pillow, removed the money and placed the purse back under the pillow between Sept. 22 and 23.

A 19-year-old El Cerrito man was dragged from his residence on the 5700 block of El Dorado St. into Central Park by three black males, all around 18-years-old, all standing at 5-foot-8, one of them wearing a navy blue T-shirt. The suspects punched and kicked the man and then took his wallet and his cellular phone.

On Sept. 26, between 8 a.m. and 12 p.m., someone threw an object through the window of a residence on the 6700 block of Canyon Trail.

On Sept. 26, someone climbed through an open rear kitchen window of a residence on the 2400 block of Tulare Ave., ransacked the home and stole property valued at over \$6,000.

On Oct. 1, an El Cerrito man pulled over on San Pablo and Cutting and was found to be in possession of methamphetamine while being booked for an outstanding no-bail warrant.

On Oct. 1, a Richmond woman was pulled over on the 7900 block of Cutting and was found to be in possession of methamphetamine.

On Oct. 2 at 12:15 a.m., a San Pablo man and a juvenile entered an '86 Hyundai Excel while it was parked on the 7500 block of Leviston and stole property from inside. On the same day at about the same time, the same men forced open the lock of a '97 Chevy S-10 parked on the 7500

block of Leviston and removed stereo equipment from its interior. The same men broke the window of a Honda Civic parked on the 7600 block of Leviston, removed property and fled also around midnight on Oct. 2.

An Oakley man was pulled over on San Pablo between Conlon and MacDonald on Oct. 2 and was found to be in possession of a stolen vehicle.

A San Pablo man and Richmond woman were found to be under the influence of a drug when pulled over on San Pablo and Conlon on Oct. 3 at 4:30 a.m.

There were two cases of domestic violence reported.

On Sept. 15, someone punched the driver door lock of a '93 Saturn parked on the 7500 block of Leviston, and stole an in-dash cassette deck, coins and children's clothing. On Oct. 2, someone entered a '90 Prelude parked on the 6400 block of Conlon, removed an in-dash CD player and CDs.

On Sept. 30, a '92 Harley Davidson motorcycle was stolen from the 700 block of Balra Dr. On Sept. 30, an '86 Buick Riviera was stolen from the 3000 block of Yosemite.

On Sept. 27, someone used a coat hanger to enter an '82 Buick Regal parked on the 400 block of Richmond St. The suspect tore apart the steering column, but was unable to start the car because of a hidden kill switch.

Unknown suspects or employees stole four amplifiers from the Guitar Center between June 5 and September 25. The loss was discovered when an inventory was conducted.

At FoodsCo. on Sept. 28, an Albany man was approached by a man selling a packaged lap top computer. After buying the computer, the man opened the package and discovered no computer, only two bricks. The seller was apprehended and charged with petty theft.

Someone found a dead chicken and miscellaneous clothing on the BART path by Moeser Lane on Sept. 29.

On Sept. 27 at 10 p.m. in the

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Juvenile theft suspect apprehended

By K. Osborn

ALBANY — At about 9:30 a.m. on Sept. 29 a resident on the 900 block of Talbot Avenue reported that about one half hour prior someone came into her house while she was in her back yard and stole her purse. She saw the suspect going out the front door. Police located the suspect, a 15-year-old Berkeley boy, about a block away and he had items from her purse in his possession. He was arrested and released to a guardian with a Notice to Appear. The woman's purse was found in a garbage can a short distance from her house.

On the night of Sept. 29 a resident on the 1300 block of Thousand Oaks reported finding two double razor blades imbedded in her front door.

At about 11 p.m. on Sept. 29 an employee at a liquor store on the 700 block of San Pablo Avenue reported that a man was kicking the windows of the store and bothering customers. Officers contacted the 39-year-old transient man and found him to be very intoxicated. He was

arrested and cited to be released when sober.

At about 1:40 a.m. on Sept. 30 officers responded to reports of a group of four to five white male juveniles who were riding bikes north bound on San Pablo Avenue and "tagging" business fronts. They reportedly also tried to talk their way into a bar on the 700 block of San Pablo Avenue. Officers were able to locate two of the group, one of which was an 18-year-old Berkeley man who was found to have an outstanding warrant from Oakland. He was arrested.

On Sept. 30 a construction employee working at the Albany High School reported that someone had stolen a laptop computer from one of the rooms.

At about 5:20 p.m. on Sept. 30 a business on the 1300 block of Solano Avenue reported that within the previous 15 minutes someone had stolen three of their five gallon water bottles.

On Oct. 1 a resident on the 800 block of Key Route Boulevard reported that a silver '95 Accura Integra was missing and was last

seen it at about 10 a.m. that morning.

On Oct. 2 Albany officers stopped a car near Buchanan and Cerrito Streets for a vehicle code violation. The driver, a 38-year-old Richmond man was found to have outstanding warrants from Pleasanton. He was arrested, cited and released with a Notice to Appear.

On Oct. 2 an Albany High School teacher and a maintenance worker reported that at about 2 p.m. that day they observed an Albany woman driving recklessly on Garfield Field. They stated that when they told her to leave and she almost hit a woman and a child.

On the evening of Oct. 2 Albany officers investigated reports of broken lights and other damage to the locker room at St. Mary's High School.

At about 11 a.m. on Oct. 3 a woman reported that she parked

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Book scholarships

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High school graduates honored from El Cerrito were **Diana Kruze**, **Nakeyma Randle** and **Peggy Tsai**.

Zura Young

Zura Young of El Cerrito entered the University of Evansville, an independent, United Methodist Church-affiliated institution located in southwestern Indiana, this fall as a freshman. She is the daughter of James Young of El Cerrito.

Megan Meyer

Megan Meyer of Albany has enrolled at Carleton College in Northfield, Minn. as a member of the Class of 2001. She joins 24 other first-year students from the state of California. Meyer is the daughter of Mary Sugarbaker of Albany, and Dr. Charles Meyer of Sweetwater, Tenn. She is a 1997 graduate of Albany High School.

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Albany PTA Council News

By Belinda Lum

PTA meetings

Marin meets tonight at 7 p.m. in the Library.

PTA Council meets Monday, Oct. 20 at 7 p.m. in AMS Library.

Vista-MacGregor meets Tuesday, Oct. 21 at 7 p.m. at MacGregor in room 10.

School board meetings

Albany Board of Education meets Tuesday, Oct. 14 in Cornell multipurpose room starting at 6 p.m. A study session on discipline, suspension and expulsion policies will be reviewed for administrators and board members from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The public is welcome to attend. The regular board meeting is at 7:30 p.m.

Special interest meetings

IIC (Instructional Improvement Council for HS) meets tonight at 7 p.m. at AHS in room 128.

AHS site council meets Monday, Oct. 13 at 6:30 p.m. at AHS in room 128.

Events/fund-raisers

Homecoming Week at AHS is Oct. 13-17.

Marin School Book Faire is scheduled for Oct. 13-17 in the multi-



Scoops for Schools, an 'olde fashioned ice cream social' celebrating Albany schools and the work of the Albany Education Foundation, is Sunday, Oct. 19 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin Ave. Ice cream, toppings and cookies will be served by celebrity scoopers (local dignitaries) and entertainment will be provided by Albany schools music groups. Tickets (available at the door, public school offices or the Albany Chamber of Commerce) are \$10 for ages 11-adult, \$5 ages 4-10, free ages 3 and under, or a family of four can enjoy a sweet afternoon for \$25.

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Special events, newsletters, and much more about AHS and AMS can be accessed at the following web sites:

AHS Web Site: www.citynight.com/ahs
AMS Web Site: www.dnai.com/~amscofra

Deadline near for gov.'s signature on debt refinance

As previously reported here, Assemblywoman **Dion Aroner**'s bill to refinance the debt owed by the WCCUSD to the state of California is currently on Gov. Pete Wilson's desk awaiting his signature. Now time is of the essence as the deadline for Wilson to sign the bill is this Sunday, Oct. 12. If the legislation is not signed by then, it will die for this legislative session.

Essentially, AB437 enables the district to refinance the debt from a 15 year repayment period to a 20-year period. In so doing, it removes the large balloon payments the district has been making and will mean that several pieces of district property which had been scheduled to go on the market to repay the debt will now remain within the district.

However, none of this will happen without Gov. Wilson's signature. If you would like to register your support for AB 437 you can do so in a number of ways:

- Call the Governor's Office at 916-445-2841 and leave a message urging him to sign AB 437.
- Fax a letter to 916-445-4633 urging Gov. Wilson to sign the bill.
- You can also write Gov. Pete Wilson, Office of the Governor, State Capitol Building, Sacramento, CA 95814.

Assemblywoman **Dion Aroner** has worked hard with both houses of the legislature and with Governor Wilson's staff to bring this bill to where it is now. Let's not let it die for lack of a signature.



West County School Watch

By Glen Price

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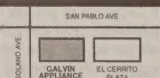
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Youth activities of the constructive kind Friday night in the Village

By Greg Hugunin

ALBANY—Combining resources with the City of Albany to provide the biggest teen night yet, University Village opened its doors to youth from the across city last Friday as part of a monthly "Unity in the Community" night.

The event, which drew more

among other things, last Friday's event.

With a theme of "Unity in the Community" and the village's entire community center at her disposal, Dara Birnbaum, the village's director of youth services, opened the doors for the first time on Friday to teens from outside the village. The event, which parents were also encour-

Last week's event was the first time teens from outside the village were invited, nearly doubling the normal attendance.

than 80 participants, included officers representing the Police Activities Leagues from both the university and the city, as well as parents of Albany teens. Though the Friday night program has been operating for more than a year, last week's event was the first time teens from outside the village were invited, nearly doubling the number of youth who normally attend.

Increasing the number of activities for youth has been a priority for both the city and the village in the past year, a desire which, among other things, culminated in Albany's recently formed PAL program and Youth Master Plan. In surveys, youth often complained of too few services and events which focused on them, leading to an ongoing, city-wide effort that yielded,

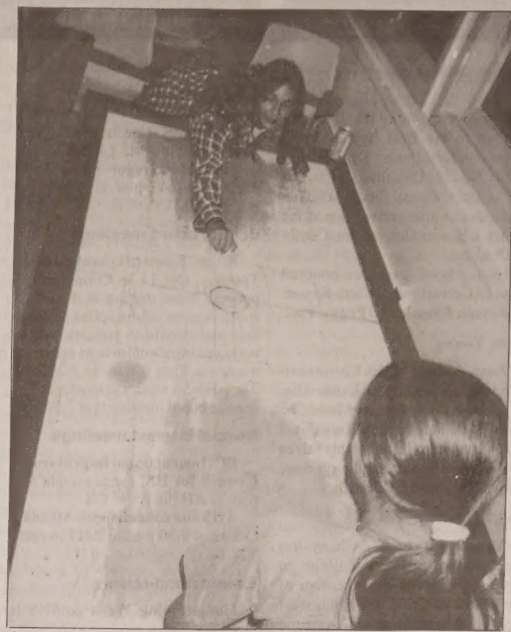
aged to attend, included free pizza and soft drinks, dodgeball, ping pong, air hockey and foosball, and will, Birnbaum hopes, only be the beginning of something big.

"I think it went fantastic," Birnbaum said. "We were all very pleased with the turnout." Those participating included some two dozen youth from the city's teen center, who frequent separate, city-sponsored activities every other Friday.

According to Leah Smalley, Albany's teen services coordinator, Friday night at the village could become a regular event.

"The hope is that this will fill the gap for us," Smalley said.

Others in attendance included Officer Lou Milani, coordinator for UC Berkeley's PAL program, and the always-ebullient Officer



A makeshift air hockey table is put to use last Friday.

Ron Bennett, who runs the Albany Police Department's PAL. "This is great. This is fantastic. This is what we wanted to do," said Bennett, adding that last Friday was "only the beginning." Village parent Marius Enachescu, who accompanied his two children to the event, likewise came away impressed.

"They make a lot of friendships here and it's a good opportunity for kids to get together," Enachescu said.

Village resident Veronica Taylor, 11, said she came, "because there's free pizza and I

don't have to pay for it." "It's like, instead of going to school and seeing your friends there, they just come down here and you have fun," said 11-year-old Zeine Gamal, also from the village.

Future events will include a trip to a Cal football game, monthly pizza nights and weekly Friday teen nights from 7 to 9 p.m. Those interested in the program should call Birnbaum at 526-2043.

"Everyone I've talked to really enjoyed it," she said. "I think that we've just gotten off the ground here."

Forums lend chance to meet school board candidates

EL CERRITO — "Before you vote, exercise your right to know" is the theme for a series of school board candidate nights to be held at all five West Contra Costa Unified School District high schools in late October. Election of school board trustees will take place Nov. 4.

El Cerrito High School hosts a forum Oct. 20 at 7 p.m.

The school-site candidate nights were announced by planning committee spokesperson Paul Schulze of GRIP — Greater Richmond Interfaith Program. Schulze indicated this was the first time that candidate nights have been scheduled in all five local high school auditoriums, thus enabling voters from all over the district to participate.

Three seats are up for election. Incumbents Karen Leong Fenton and Charles Ramsey are seeking their second terms, and Trustee President Woody Snodgrass is running for a third term.

Challengers include Deborah Dias, community affairs specialist with the city of Richmond's office of ombudsman; Christopher Griffith, director of youth services for Scholar Athletes Inc.; Brian

Leary, engineer with PG&E; and Johnson, behavior modification counselor with the Gateway Center for the YMCA of the East Bay.

The 7 p.m. sessions will be moderated by the League of Women Voters, and will give each candidate an opportunity to present plans for the future of the County Unified School District.

The high school candidates are sponsored by the League of Women Voters, the American Association of University Women, GRIP, the 31-year-old interagency of west county. Also endorsing the candidate nights are Familias Unidas, the Richmond NAACP, Opportunity West, Richmond Chamber of Commerce and Alliance for Public Education.

Schedule for the candidate nights is: De Anza High School, Oct. 19, 7 p.m.; El Cerrito High, Monday, Oct. 20, 7 p.m.; Pinole High, Wednesday, Oct. 22, 7 p.m.; F. Kennedy High, Thursday, Oct. 23, 7 p.m.; Richmond High, Thursday, Oct. 23, 7 p.m.

All sessions begin at 7 p.m. KART, Richmond Public Access Channel (25) will be carrying the first meeting for later viewing.

Chamber business mixer Oct. 15

Albany Bowl is hosting the next Albany Chamber of Commerce Mixer on Oct. 15 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

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slips your mind. Albany Bowl will provide the hors d'oeuvre, although interested restaurateurs are invited to bring a special dish (call John Tierney at 526-8818 for details).

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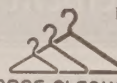
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BUSINESS FOCUS

by Laura Fischer

Rules of council meeting conduct under study

Procedures would apply to public and representatives; resumption of televised meetings depends on finances

By Emily Lundberg

EL CERRITO—What began as a discussion over once again televising city council meetings became, at Monday city council meeting, a review of El Cerrito's city council meeting procedures.

The issue stems from the City Council's decision last March to suspend council meeting television coverage because of financial reprioritizing. They began televising city-related events and local informational programming instead, with shows such as "Community Policing: What does it mean for El Cerrito?" and "The El Cerrito NEAT program: What Can I Do to Prepare for the Big One?"

Beyond financial reprioritizing, however, some city council members' frustration with what they call citizen "grand-standing" seemed to have also motivated them to curtail television coverage.

Some council meeting regulars ascribe the motivation further than frustration, attributing the "black-out" to the council's wish to silence the audience's dissatisfaction with, or questioning of, the council.

There is no doubt, however, that public conduct is one of the city council's main concerns now that it is deliberating reinstating television coverage.

Before making a final decision, the council wanted to look into El Cerrito's and other cities' meeting procedures, and report on those procedures. On Oct. 6, city staff brought back a report, concluding El Cerrito's procedures are in line with the procedures of most other cities. Several procedures stood out as

applicable to El Cerrito's political situation, while many were simply useful procedures worthy of general consideration.

One section requires that councilmembers, city staff, and members of the public "address their remarks to the mayor and not the audience."

When meetings were televised, this was a point of contention. According to Mayor Norma Jellison, audience members would turn their backs on the city council and talk directly to the audience and, more importantly, to the camera's viewing audience.

However, councilmembers' behavior also strays from the code, for they do not usually address their remarks to the mayor, but usually address their remarks to the audience.

A section of the municipal code also states, "Any councilmember or other person using vulgar, profane, loud or boisterous language at any meeting, or otherwise interrupting the proceedings of the council, shall be seated or kept quiet when ordered to do so by the mayor."

Mayor Jellison has in the past described people being hissed and verbally attacked at meetings.

Resident Thom Stark, however, addressed the council's culpability, saying it's ironic that the code states "councilmember" before it says "other person."

Staff suggested that a paragraph of the "Resolution of the City Council of the City of El Cerrito Relative to Politeness in Politics," adopted in May, 1996, be printed in every city council agenda.

The Resolution calls upon "each citizen, political candidate and elected official in this state...to commit to political dialogue that is thorough, respectful, straightforward and honest."

The report also suggested the existing city ordinances, policies and resolutions be consolidated into a formalized set of meeting procedures, including time limit provisions and procedures for public hearings.

The report found that the cities of Berkeley, Pinole, and Richmond all allow speakers to address the council for up to, but not over, three minutes. San Pablo, however, has a five minute rule. Berkeley and Ventura also institute 30-minute maximums for public comment.

Some citizens interpret the three-minute rule the same way they interpret the television "blackout," as a silencing tactic. When some citizens speak about television coverage or the three-minute rule, the issues merge, perhaps because the three-minute rule was instated around the same time as television coverage was stopped.

Staff also suggested instating an ordinance Richmond follows, where citizens cannot submit their names to the city clerk to speak on an agenda item once discussion on that agenda item has commenced.

While Jellison said she likes this rule, due to the distraction of re-

ceiving names in the midst of dialogue, councilmembers Jane Bartke, Gina Brusatori and Mark Friedman said they think people should be allowed to turn their name in during discussion.

The report suggested including procedures about quasi-judicial hearings. When the city council sits as a quasi-judicial body, in matters involving rights and entitlements, such as the appeal of a use permit or subdivision application, the time limit must be suspended so the applicant or appellant is granted due process.

In these cases, staff reported, some cities, like San Pablo and Pinole, grant the applicant or appellant a right of rebuttal. All the council members agreed an appellant or applicant should be allowed a right of rebuttal.

For the most part, however, the policy changes seemed to only skirt the surface of El Cerrito's fractious civic dialogue, serving more as a symbolic reminder to be polite.

"We need to reorient our attitudes rather than our policies," said Friedman, who commented little on the procedures, but advocated televising council meetings.

Brusatori also supported televising the meetings, while Councilmember Norman La Force and Mayor Jellison said they would hate to see the city's other programming go.

All the councilmembers agreed they have to assess the city's financial situation before they could once again dedicate funds toward televising city council meetings.



Fun (and bargains) in the sun

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Obituary

Galen Wolf death under investigation

Memorial services will be held Oct. 17 for Galen Wolf, an Albany native resident who was found slain last Saturday, the victim of what police think may have been a botched burglary of the apartment

he had only recently moved into in Antioch. Mr. Wolf, 48, apparently died of strangulation, according to the coroner's office which is continuing its investigation.

His body was discovered by his

mother and stepfather, who had gone to investigate after being unable to reach him by phone for several days.

Police are treating the case as a homicide that they believe may have been committed in the course of a burglary. Some items of value were missing from the apartment.

Mr. Wolf was a native of Albany who attended local schools and graduated from Albany High

School, then earned a degree in speech from Cal State Hayward. His father, Eldon, still resides in Albany. His mother, Marion Simm, lives in Antioch, and he had recently moved there from Mountain View to be closer to his family.

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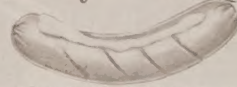
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Who will be at QB vs. Skyline tonight?

By Jelani Harper

Things are looking up for Berkeley's football team, and just in time. On Thursday, they take on crosstown rival Skyline, in a game so heavily anticipated that some of you may have even tried to see it last week (our apologies extended, we goofed on the date).

The game will only be the Jackets second under their newly constructed lights. The game was originally scheduled for this Friday, but was pushed back to Thursday because of the Jewish holiday Yom Kippur.

"We always look forward to beating Skyline," remarked Berkeley coach and athletic director Joe Martin. The fact that Skyline (4-0) is undefeated this year may have something to do with that, and the fact that they are likely to be ranked No. 2 in the state (Bay Area) probably does as well.

This past Saturday however, the Yellowjackets (1-2) got their first win of the season when they defeated Oakland High, 23-0. It was the team's first game in two weeks because of last week's bye.

Saturday's game was a scrappy victory, but a victory

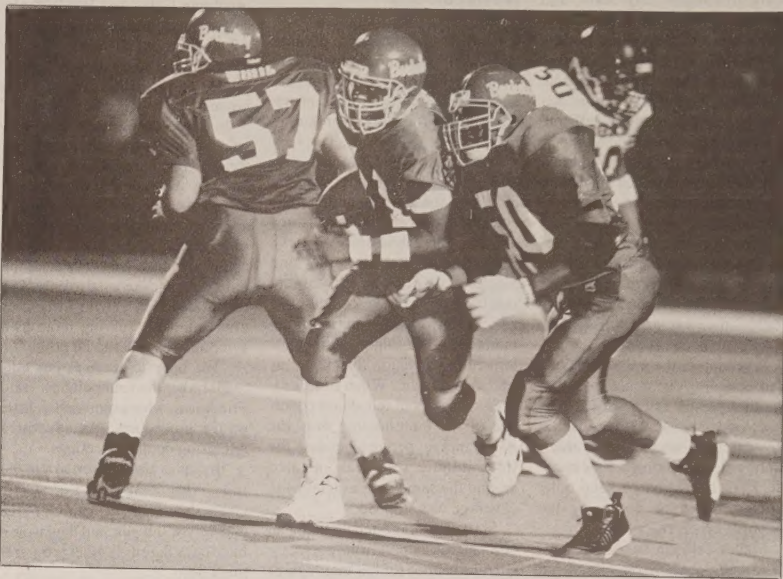
nonetheless. "Today was a horrible exhibition of offensive play by Berkeley High," proclaimed Martin. "I was pleased with the composure of the team, I was pleased with the defensive play, but once again (I was) dissatisfied with our offensive backfield play."

The count was 6-0 at halftime, but Berkeley had several scoring opportunities. With three minutes to play in the first quarter Hannibal Johnson connected with Justin Needham on a 55-yard touchdown pass, which gave Needham the perfect opportunity to make up for the pass he dropped in the end zone earlier in the quarter.

Later on in the second quarter it looked as if the Jackets would score again when they forced Oakland to fumble a punt return on their 20-yard line. The Jackets drove to the two-yard line, before a fumble caused them to return the ball to Oakland.

Things began to pick up in the second half when Booker Smith scored on a 10-yard run midway through the third quarter, and with 1:10 left in the period, the Jackets defense caused a safety.

Oakland never really did threaten on offense; its biggest scoring opportunity came right before the half



Intercity Football

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File '97 Jeff Lindquist
QB Hannibal Johnson, center, will most likely start tonight vs. rival Skyline but expect to see Nate Henderson, too.

when Berkeley fumbled a punt return on their 35-yard line. But Peter Wilson came to the rescue with a sack which allowed Berkeley to recover the ball.

Berkeley alternated quarterbacks between Johnson and Nate Henderson throughout the game, and it is uncertain who will see the most action against Skyline.

Each QB was intercepted within Oakland's 20-yard line in the second half, but Johnson also hit wide receiver Ariel Herzog for a 15-yard TD pass with 6:30 to play.

"We're just a very, very young team, and we're building for the future," explained Martin. "I hope we can at least realize some competitiveness this year."



Jeff Lindquist
El Cerrito quarterback Issac Phelps, left, gets away from St. Mary's Kwamin Taylor Friday; while Panther's Jafar Williams, below, grabs one against Marcus Parham. The ACCAL game officially ended in a 20-20 tie, but because of league rules, El Cerrito won it in the third overtime, which will be a tie-breaker during the playoffs.

Shorthanded AHS: 'It's hard playing like this'

By Jelani Harper

Albany's football team is looking for a few good players.

Two weeks ago the Cougars were forced to forfeit their game with St. Mary's due to injuries, last week they could only summon 18 players in their game against Alameda. Albany has only 23 players to begin with, and as the weeks go by and the injuries pile up its bound to lose even more players.

"We need all our players," said coach Anthony Freeman, "because at the end of the game (against Alameda) I think I only had about 18 guys who could play because guys kept getting hurt. And out of the 18 guys I only had two returning players, everybody else was brand new. So it's tough, every game is like a battle for us."

Friday, the Cougars are on the road against El Cerrito and Freeman is hoping to have a better showing. "We have to improve on our tackling," he remarked. "In today's game we had them numerous times and allowed them to slip through us. We also have to work on our mental mistakes, because some times guys don't go on the field when they're supposed to go on the field. But part of that could be because they're tired."

Albany's linemen suffered the most from the inexperience and injuries; because of the limited amount of players the line had to play both defense and offense and grew considerably tired and couldn't give Onweller much time on offense.

"The line was going both ways, our running backs were going both ways and so were our receivers," Freeman explained. "so it was tough. It's hard playing like this."

As one would expect, Alameda dominated last week's game and defeated Albany, 35-6. The Cougars were still without starting quarterback Billy

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What a Story: EC-SM — 3OTs

In the books it goes as a tie but Gauchos have edge in ACCAL

By John Gardella

Atlas butted heads with Cronus last Friday when the St. Mary's High football team battled El Cerrito. Despite the outcome, neither titan was budged from its lofty position.

In the end, while the Gauchos celebrated wildly after Thamari Story hauled in a 10-yard pass from Isaac Phelps in the third overtime period and the Panthers' defense went into shock mode, neither team walked off the field a loser.

The official score was a 20-20 tie but because of ACCAL rules, each team gets four chances at the end zone from the opponent's 10-yard line in each OT period.

Thus, the unofficial score was EC 40, SM 34 (3 OTs). The overtime was for playoff tie-breaking purposes only.

As has become tradition with these two rivals, Gaucha-Panther games are battles of give and take by the Alameda-Contra Costa Athletic League champions each of the past three sea-

sons. The team that has won this match the last three years has won the league.

But while the games — even last year's 33-13 EC win at SM — have been close, last Friday's contest was the closest of all. The Gauchos (3-0-1) and Panthers (2-1-1) played to the tie and then traded blows in the three grueling OT periods.

By the third OT, players on each side were cramping up. SM's Jafar Williams and EC's Marcus Parham, both of whom played an exceptional game, had to have teammates stretch their legs on several occasions. SM quarterback Max Slenderbroek (elbow) and EC lineman Aaron Green (leg) were helped off the field with injuries before the final whistle blew.

"I knew it was going to be a tough game," said Parham, who

scored two TDs (a 44-yard punt return and a two-yard run) and intercepted Slenderbroek in the end zone to end the first half. "You usually expect that when you play St. Mary's."

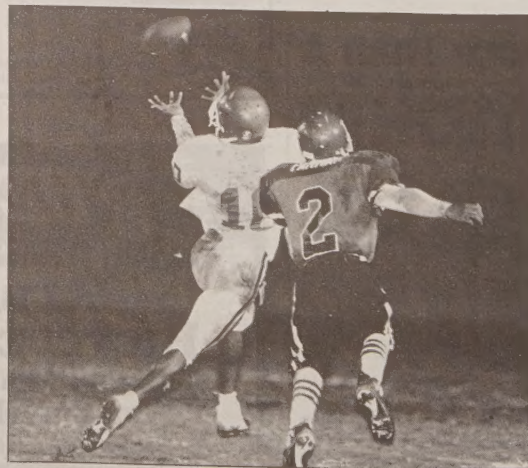
Told the game was officially a tie, Parham said, "We know who really won the game."

Williams, who caught a 46-yard TD pass, blocked a punt and recorded two sacks, said, despite the tie, losing even a tie-breaker to an archrival stings.

"It still hurts," the senior said. "We had some opportunities to put them away, but we let them back in the game."

SM scored in its first OT attempt on Paki Gordon's six-yard run. injured, Kefense Hynson hit Jerriod Mack with a 20-yard score. Back came EC as Hartzell Swann scored on a 10-yard run. The Panthers missed on a field goal attempt in their half of the third OT, opening the door for EC.

"It was a good ball game, but we blew a golden opportunity," said SM coach Dan



Shaughnessy, whose team still has to play Encinal and Piedmont. "We didn't play very smart football."

But Shag's counterpart, Frank Milo, knows his Gauchos are in

the driver's seat as far as the ACCAL goes. EC has beaten Encinal and Piedmont and enjoys the tie-breaker over SM.

"We have the clear-cut advantage," Milo said.

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Zeier who was out with a bruised calf, and were also missing backup QB/wide receiver Rob Onweller. Ironically it was Onweller's younger brother, 5-foot-5 sophomore Tim Onweller, who filled in at quarterback. It was the younger Onweller's first varsity game.

"Tim did a really good job I thought," exclaimed Freeman. "He played hard, and he ended up playing defense. He ended up playing both ways and he did a good job. He's only a sophomore but he's a scrapper. I love those kind of players, I actually wish we had more of them."

Albany's best moment of the game occurred with 4:15 left in the third quarter while they were trailing, 28-0. The defense had

recovered a fumble on Alameda's 33-yard line, and a couple of plays later, Onweller connected with Zachary Bogart for a 25-yard touchdown pass.

"That was a nice play by both Zach and Tim," Freeman said. "I thought that was a really nice play. I'm looking for Zach to stand up for us because he's a good athlete, he just has to realize it. He's only played one year of football, so I mean we don't have that much experience."

In fact, Freeman was forced to play a lot of underclassmen. "At one point I looked on the field and we had six sophomores on the varsity offense," Freeman laughed, "and five on the defense. And two juniors, two on the offense and three on the defense. So we had nine out of 11 players who were either juniors or sophomores."

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Billy Zeier
Albany High Football

Albany's starting QB Billy Zeier was only able to play in two games before suffering a contusion on the back of his calf earlier in the season. However, in the game before that the senior threw for two TDs and scored on a 43-yard run against St. Patrick's (Benicia). Zeier has missed Albany's last two games.



Issac Phelps
El Cerrito High Football

El Cerrito football coach Frank Milo wasn't sure how potent his offense would be this season after losing the bulk of his starting unit. Well, it's pretty potent, and Milo has QB Issac Phelps to thank. Undefeated, the senior rushed for four TDs and threw for another three as the Gauchos blew away McClymonds and Encinal, and beat Piedmont and St. Mary's.

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1997 Albany's girls volleyball team will be strong once again

By Jelani Harper

The expectations are high again for Albany's girls volleyball team, and with good reason.

Last year the team won the Alameda-Contra Costa Athletic League and the North Coast Sectionals before losing to St. Francis (Mountain View) in the semifinals of the state championship. Over the past four seasons the Cougars have not only made it to the NCS, but they have won the ACCAL as well. This year, coach Konrad Ott expects to see more of the same.

"The girls look great this year, they really do," exclaimed Ott. "They're a great bunch of kids and they work really hard. We have a great chance to go to state. The last five years of Albany volleyball have been very, very strong and very, very productive so there's a very rich tradition in volleyball here."

It's no coincidence that Ott has been the coach for the past five years either, and he has been fortunate enough to have had some talented players. This year's lineup will feature Charity Harbo and Mia Narell ("she's a great athlete, a very smart player," Ott remarked) at outside hitter and Maria Zupo ("a great all-around player") at setter.

Elizabeth Collister and Yolanda Hagar will fill in at the middle hitter position, and Lauren Mack is another key player to watch.

"Those six kids are the key," said Ott. "They're all seniors and they work really well together. We also have two sophomores and two

'If we're playing well and doing what we need to do, we don't have a weakness ... if we're playing well and the kids are focused then we'll be tough to beat.'

— KONRAD OTT, ALBANY GIRLS VOLLEYBALL COACH

juniors as well who will definitely contribute and be a big part of the team."

Ott believes Albany's strength lies in its defense. He explained: "We have very strong blocking and are also a good offensive team. We pass very well out of the serve-receive."

"Honestly," Ott continued, "if we're playing well and doing what we need to do, we don't have a weakness. But it's like if you're not playing well and you have a bad day you tend to do things incorrectly. But I think if we're playing well and the kids are focused then we'll be tough to beat."

Charity Harbo will be one of six key players in Albany's attack this season.

File '96



File '97 Jeff Lindquist

Albany's football team had to cancel a game this season due to injuries and because of being short-handed. It fielded only 18 players against Alameda last week. Cougars have been able to count on WR Anthony Brown, right.

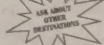
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Men's water polo team beats ranked Stanford, Irvine

The No. 2 Cal men's water polo team defeated Bay Area rival and No. 5 ranked Stanford, 7-4, last Friday in a Mountain Pacific Sports Federation match at Diablo Valley College in Pleasant Hill. The Bears then defeated No. 4 ranked UC Irvine, 9-4, Sunday at DVC. Cal now improves to 8-1 on the year and 3-0 in MPSF competition.

The Bears were led by the scoring of junior driver Phinney Gardner, who had six goals, tallying two against Stanford and four against Irvine.

Junior goalie Peter Kiefer also played well in the last two matches, recording nine saves vs. the Cardinal and nine against the Anteaters.

The Bears will next travel to No. 1 Pepperdine Saturday, and No. 3 USC Sunday.

Women swimmers open with win at Pacific

The Cal women's swim team opened its season with a 169-89 victory at Pacific last Saturday. The Bears, who won eight of the meet's 14 events, were led by junior Marylyn Chiang and freshman Hanna Jaltner. Chiang

placed first in the 500 free with a time of 5:14.40, and won the 400 IM with a time of 4:29.37. Jaltner was Cal's other two event winner, placing first in both the 100 (1:04.00) and 200 breast (2:27.60).

The Bears next dual meet is Oct. 25 at Nevada.

Men's soccer splits with Ivy teams

The No. 13 (Soccer America) Cal men's soccer team opened the Stanford Invitational with a 2-1 OT loss to No. 22 Dartmouth. Senior Adam Hunter gave the Bears the 1-0 lead in the second half when he nailed a shot at the far post off an assist from freshman Kendall Simmonds. But, the Big Green fought back to tie the game with four minutes left in the second half and eventually scored the winning goal.

On Sunday, the Bears bounced back to handily defeat Harvard, 5-0. Five different Cal players scored including, sophomore J.V. Ganai, Simmonds, senior Jason Young, sophomore Justin Bell and freshman Ramiro Arrendondo. The Bears (6-2-1 overall, 1-0 in MPSF) will travel to Oregon State Friday. Sunday, they will square off against No. 11 Washington.

Women's soccer team wins 2nd straight

The Cal women's soccer team won its second straight game, as the Bears traveled to Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and defeated the Mustangs, 2-1 in OT. Senior Courtney Carroll tied the match in the second half with her third goal of the season and Stacey Mallison netted the game-winner for Cal's fifth win of the season.

The Bears fell behind early as Cal Poly netted the game's opening goal only 18 minutes into the match. But Cal roared back, to win in overtime for the first time in three tries this season.

Despite falling behind early, the Bears outshot the Mustangs, 16-9. In fact, Cal held Cal Poly without a shot during the 12 minutes of the OT.

Fresh Deb Clark records hat trick

The Cal field hockey team defeated the UC Davis, 6-0, last Sunday after losing to Stanford, 2-0, the previous Saturday. The non-conference win improves the Bears record to 4-5 overall, 0-1 in NorPac play.

Four different players scored for Cal, including a hat trick by freshman Deb Clark. Sophomores Sara Baron and Kelli Mirassou and freshman Leslie Katch had the other Cal goals.

Good thing Bears don't know much about history

Cal hasn't beaten Washington since 1976

By John Gardella

Forget Cal's standing as one of the top academic institutions in the country. Football coach Tom Holmoe is hoping his team is poor in one subject — history. It may be the only edge the Bears have this week as they host No. 10 Washington.

The Huskies have beaten Cal 14 straight times. Cal's last win came in Seattle in 1976. But with such a young team (only four senior starters) and not having played the Huskies since '94, the only Bears with any recollection of losing to Washington are the few redshirt seniors on the team.

"Nobody's been around long enough, so I don't know that they really buy into (the losing streak)," said Holmoe. "I haven't been here. I haven't been part of that losing, part of that history. I don't have any mental scars from losing to Washington."

This is the first of three inordinately difficult games for the Bears. After hosting Washington, Cal hits the road to battle No. 12 Washington State and No. 18 UCLA. Obviously, the Bears need all the advantages they can lay their hands on, and ignorance of a losing streak that spans three decades is definitely a plus.

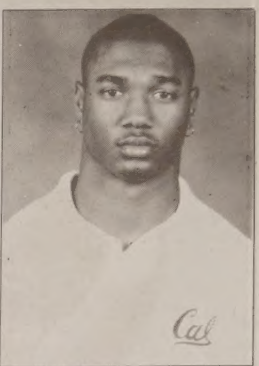
Besides, the Cal coaching staff has been mum on that statistic when prepping the team this week.

When informed the Bears' last home win against Washington was, strong safety Marquis Smith said, "Nobody on the team really knows about that. I didn't know the losing streak dated back 14 games. I would keep it a secret, too."

"I don't know anything about a losing streak," said linebacker Albert Dorsey, who got his first Division I start against Louisiana Tech last week. "I just know Washington is the best team in the Pac-10 and it's going to be a battle."

But while the team's youthful innocence may be a plus as far as the losing streak goes, its inexperience

(Cal) started off great. Straight losses, especially one, has to raise some red flags," said Washington coach Lambright.



Marquis Smith

ence is also hampering its growth.

Over the first four games, the Bears (2-2) saw four touchdowns and a two-point conversion negated because of penalties. Cal is averaging 13.5 penalties and 125.3 penalty yards. Against La. Tech, Cal rolled up 549 yards of total offense, 28 first downs, and had a 10-minute edge in time of possession; yet lost 41-34.

The key may have been a penalty in the first quarter, after the Bears held the Bulldogs on a third-down play. Given a second chance, La. Tech scored a TD.

Pac-10 Football

No. 10 Washington at Saturday, 12:30 p.m. Memorial Stadium

But Cal QB Justin Vederer now played in two straight games after 19 consecutive victories going back to junior college. "I don't think half the team realizes how talented we are," "I think that comes with how we are."

Vederer draws a parallel to this Cal team and last year's of the Huskies. "Last year Washington

'I didn't know the losing streak dated back 14 games. I would keep it a secret, too.'

— MARQUIS SMITH, STRONG GUY

team that won some games," he said. "But they probably should have beaten Arizona State. They probably should have been one of the best teams in the nation. But we were a young team."

St. Mary's Romero to get first start on Cal line vs. No. 1 Washington Saturday

By John Gardella

Former St. Mary's High star John Romero got his first collegiate start last Saturday against Louisiana Tech. With a rash of injuries, Cal coach Tom Holmoe said the massive redshirt sophomore gets the nod this weekend against 10th-ranked Washington.

As a senior at SM, Romero was the Alameda-Contra Costa Athletic League lineman of the year.

Romero started at center in place of injured Jeremy Newberry (ankle sprain). Although Holmoe said Tuesday Newberry wouldn't practice until

later in the week, he said his star center will be ready to go Saturday. However, guard Yaeger Williams won't be able to play because of a knee problem, opening the door for Romero's first start at Memorial Stadium.

"Romero could start at center or guard; he'll get time at both," said Holmoe, against a Husky line that sacked Arizona State quarterback Ryan Kealy nine times last week. "I thought he played well against Tech. He's young so to play well will be really beneficial for him."

Romero, part of a line that allowed Cal's running backs to rush for 235

yards Saturday, said Washington may be the toughest opponent the Bears face this season.

"Washington is a very good team," said Romero. "They've played some good teams. They are capable of a lot of schemes."

Romero, who at 6-foot-3 inch, 314-pounder, and is one of the strongest players on the Cal team, assessed his play against the Bulldogs: "I think I played well against Louisiana Tech. But I know I have room for improvement; doing small things like timing and taking the right steps."

1997 California Bears Football Schedule

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...that to do what they wanted, they were going to have to work with the El Cerrito Plaza Company. What we have today was not available to us nine months ago."

For several years, American Stores has wanted to double the size of the Plaza Lucky Store and move it closer to San Pablo. In July of this summer, American Stores positioned itself as a stakeholder when it closed escrow on the Emporium, purchasing it from Federated. Bilak, anticipating the eventual flight of Wilton Partners.

On Sept. 4, both the agency and Wilton Partners allowed their Exclusive Negotiating Rights Agreement (ENRA) to expire. The threat of an escalating land price and the development agency's inability to provide sufficient financial backing caused Wilton Partners' loss of interest.

At the Oct. 6 City Council meeting, the agency staff requested authorization to enter negotiations with the El Cerrito Plaza Company and American Stores (who as a joint development entity call themselves ECPCO/ASPI) toward a new negotiating agreement.

The city's three alternatives, explained Redevelopment Program Manager Elisa Tierney, are to put the project on hold, issue a new request for Proposals from another developer, or attempt to work with the current owners.

Real world economics

The public's desire to quickly revitalize the Plaza rules out the first alternative, said Tierney. And giving up Wilton Partner's amenable over the land acquisition price, the second alternative appears difficult and lengthy.

If the agency enters exclusive negotiations with ECPCO/ASPI, said Tierney, four issues will need to be addressed: Site planning, or the integration of the South Gateway concept plan, site investigation, including surveys of existing conditions, environmental and planning approvals, or the assessment of impacts resulting from changes to the current site plan, and a financial analysis.

After Tierney reviewed the alternatives, a representative of both American Stores and the El Cerrito Plaza Company spoke for his clients. Henry Englehardt of Gallagher & Miersch, a Concord retail brokerage firm, represented American Stores during the initial developer selection process, and has now been contracted to represent them in this process. Milton Bilak has asked Englehardt to represent the El Cerrito Plaza Company, as well.

"Our charge is to generate commercially feasible alternatives," said Englehardt. "We are going to privately negotiate a redevelopment deal based on real world economics. To that end, we are going to work with citizens groups regarding the site plan, development planning, and design issues."

Because Englehardt has been involved in the process since the selection process, he said he is "cognizant of the South Gateway concept plan," and will attempt to incorporate elements from that plan in every proposal brought before American Stores and Bilak.

Gallagher & Miersch is currently analyzing all the existing leases and incomes on the property. "The purpose of that," said Englehardt, "is so that, in incorporating all the people's interests in revitalizing the Plaza, we make Bilak and American Stores a commercially agreeable proposal."

ECPCO/ASPI will request some financial assistance from the

agency, said Englehardt. They want the agency to help pay for property appraisals and for tenant relocation.

In order to bring in anything above and beyond what is commercially reasonable (most likely, the street grid, the town square and the creek restoration), ECPCO/ASPI wants a commitment of property tax increment to put toward bonding.

Also, ECPCO/ASPI requests the Agency's help in negotiations with BART over financing of the Measure C garage.

And they may request the city to exercise its powers of eminent domain.

"I am in a position right now to attempt at a private, negotiated redevelopment with the El Cerrito Plaza Company on behalf of American Stores," said Englehardt.

"Sometime down the road, if I am not successful in negotiating a private deal, we might ask you to exercise your powers of eminent domain. I don't anticipate that. But in my experience in business, you can get more results with a kind word and a gun than with just a kind word."

Englehardt's comment suggests that negotiations may be nettlesome between all parties, which was then reinforced by a disagreement between Englehardt and agency member Norma Jellison.

Jellison began by saying it would be folly to abandon the approved site plan and EIR and go back to square one.

She said she hoped ECPCO/ASPI would be sensitive to the community's strong lack of interest in big box development.

"I would like to say to you, representative of American Stores and the Plaza Company, it is now time to put your money where your mouth is and see what you can do. We are all waiting."

Englehardt stressed ECPCO/ASPI's desire to move quickly, but also to take the necessary amount of time to create a financially feasible plan. One of the cruel lessons learned by the city, said Englehardt, was that the Wilton plan was not commercially plausible.

Jellison disagreed, saying, "Yes, it was commercially plausible. The reason it was not possible to carry out is because of the various private ownerships," implicating American Stores.

Englehardt was not willing to debate this, simply saying "My job is to move this forward."

Agency member Norman La Force then reviewed the history of the Plaza, saying American Stores and the Plaza Company seemed content with the Plaza the way it was, until the agency stepped in. "We can debate until midnight about what happened with Mr. Wilton," said La Force.

While the original proposal from the Plaza Company required no Agency financial participation, La Force said, now ECPCO/ASPI comes to us with a whole laundry list of what they want the agency to do. La Force said this raised doubts in his mind.

I think it is important that all of the site plan's major components are part of the final plan, added La Force.

The current site plan is one of the two base planning documents the partners are working with, said Englehardt. The partnership is not interested in wasting that EIR, and simply wants to make sure it is usable, he added.

Several residents said they were glad the city was going toward a more financially feasible plan. Resident and council candidate Thom Stark advised agency members to "sit on their inclination to hector the representatives of this partnership," saying it would be "nonproductive."

Obituary

William Pagle leaves legacy of civic involvement

William M. (Bill) Pagle, a long time resident of Richmond, died suddenly on Saturday Sept. 27.

With his wife, Lois, and four sons, he took an active part in the affairs of the area.

William Pagle was a Captain in the Army Air Force during World War II, flying missions in Burma, India and China. Returning to the Bay Area he opened and ran a shop, Supreme TV in Albany, for several years.

In his late 40s Pagle decided to return to school, earning his Bachelor's degree at Cal State Hayward, and his Masters at Cal State Sacramento.

He then worked with the Children's Protective Services in West Contra Costa county until his retirement 12 years later.

His wife, Lois Pagle, a beloved elementary school teacher in the West County District, predeceased him several years.

Surviving him are his four sons and their families: William F. and wife Prancee; Russell E. and wife Mori; Steven C. and wife Dorian and Alan C. and wife Lily; plus grandchildren Alex, Adam and Todd Pagle and Mei Mei, Lonnie and Amy Everson.

Pagle was a member of the Rotary Club, SIRS, and the El Cerrito City Club.

A memorial service was held Oct. 2.

The family requests donations to the Church of the Good Shepherd in lieu of flowers.

Obituaries

Courtney Melissa Dunn Shelly

Passed away at Children's Hospital on Tuesday, September 30, 1997 at the age of 18. A native of Berkeley, CA, she resided in Albany for 10 years. Courtney was a graduate of Albany High School and was attending UC Davis. She was a volunteer at the San Francisco Zoo and the Lawrence Hall of Science.

She is survived by her loving parents, John Shelly and Kerry Dunn of Albany, loving grandparents, Tom and Jean Dunn of San Clemente, CA, dear aunt and cousins, Leslie, Andrew and Ben Davenport of San Rafael, CA, dear aunts and uncles, Nancy Dunn and Jay Keller of Davis, CA, Herb and Carol Shelly of Morroville, PA, Tom and Barbara Shelly of Niceville, PA and dear cousins, Todd, Brent, Andrew, Kathy, Vicki, Steven, and Christina all of PA.

Public Memorial Services were held and a Private Burial was held at the Sunset View Cemetery, top of Fairmount in El Cerrito, CA. Donations in her memory to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, 560 San Antonio Ave., Palo Alto, CA 94306.

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El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce

Chamber to get update on Plaza project

El Cerrito Redevelopment Agency Chairperson Jane Bartke will deliver an "Update on the State of the Revitalization Project at El Cerrito Plaza" at the Chamber of Commerce's regular monthly luncheon meeting on Monday, Oct. 27.

The noon session, open to all chamber members and their guests, will be held in the Paddock Room of the Little Ange's Restaurant and Tavern at 6115 Potrero Ave., just below Seidell's Chevron, \$10 per person.

The situation at the Plaza became muddled in early September when the Redevelopment Agency announced that its Exclusive Negotiation Agreement with Wilton Partners, the developer selected to revitalize the Plaza, had expired.

In announcing that Wilton Partners had pulled out of the Plaza project, Bartke said, "It became apparent over the last month or so that Wilton lost its motivation for the project. We don't know exactly why, but apparently Mr. Wilton felt he could invest his money somewhere else with less risk."

The reason for Wilton's pullout was brought into sharper focus on Oct. 6 when the Redevelopment Agency met to consider a proposal to enter into negotiations for an Exclusive Negotiating Rights Agreement with the El Cerrito Plaza Company and American Stores Properties, Inc. for revitalization of the Center.

The staff report on this proposal declared: "In discussions with Wilton Partners we learned that its major concern with the project lay with uncertainties over the cost of acquiring the property from the current owners."

Shortly after Wilton's pullout was announced, the El Cerrito Plaza Company, run by partial Plaza-owner Milton Bilak, revealed it was forming a development group with American Stores (parent company of the Lucky Stores grocery chain) for the purpose of taking over the revitalization of the Plaza.

This announcement drew optimistic reactions from Bartke as well as Councilmembers Mark Friedman and Gina Brustori — in sharp contrast to the more contentious relationship the city

has had with Bilak over the years.

Members wishing to know where things stand now on the Plaza project are being urged to make reservations for the Oct. 27 luncheon by telephoning the Chamber office at 233-7040 before Friday, Oct. 24.

Welcome new member

The El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce is pleased to welcome as its newest member a business firm called Body Aware.

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A ribbon cutting marked the recent grand opening of the Dollar Warehouse in El Cerrito. Pictured, from left to right, exterior contractor Scott Don, Mrs. Iris Lam, Chamber of Commerce President June Boblitt, and store owner Norman Lam.

selection of household items such as bar soap, cosmetics, shampoo and conditioners.

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Chamber

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Dollar Warehouse offers lots of other things from all over the world — such as hardware, school supplies, toys, hair accessories, cookies, candy, pet

food, plastic baskets and chairs, tools, balloons, party decorations, paper goods and soft drinks.

Being able to fill a 6,000 square foot store with with outstanding bargains is the result

of Lam having spent the last 20 years gaining experience in the art of merchandising.

Starting out as a supermarket manager in Los Angeles, Lam handled all the ordering for the

market, and in the process, learned he had a talent for finding merchandise.

Since that time he has opened eight stores, three in Utah, three in Los Angeles, and two in Northern California. With the exception of his new El Cerrito location all the other stores have been sold to independent owners.

Since coming to California Lam has gained a reputation as a big success in the low-cost merchandise field. Today he has agents traveling the world to find him outstanding items he can offer his customers at low cost.

In explaining the idea on which his El Cerrito store is based, Lam says, "Today's economy dictates a need by many people for bargain merchandise — and my years of experience have taught me where the best buys can be found."

The Dollar Warehouse in El Cerrito is open Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. - 8 p.m. and from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. on Sunday.

New Fiesta attractions

Not only will the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce's Second Annual October Fiesta have a record number of exhibitors, it will offer new special attractions for youngsters and a birthday cake cutting ceremony.

The Fiesta, which will simultaneously celebrate El Cerrito's 80th birthday and the city-wide Fall Round-Up Sale Days, will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25, in the mall area of El Cerrito Plaza.

So far, some 72 local groups, businesses and craftspeople have applied for exhibit space at the Fiesta.

Among the local organizations who will be on hand for this event are the El Cerrito Garden Club, Stege Sanitary District, LITA of Contra Costa, Soroptimist International of El Cerrito, Friends of the El Cerrito Library, Sustainable El Cerrito, Albany/El Cerrito Kiwanis Club, El Cerrito Lions Club, the American Legion Louis Hagen Post #340, Child Abuse Prevention Council of Contra Costa County, El Cerrito

Democratic Club, Gateview Toastmasters, Exchange Club of Albany/El Cerrito, El Cerrito Preschool & Daycare Co-op, and Rotary Club of El Cerrito.

In addition to games for children, two added attractions for youngsters have already been added to the Fiesta schedule. A special puppet show for youngsters will be staged and throughout the day a clown train will carry children around the Plaza.

All members of the city council will be invited to blow out the candles on a giant birthday cake being donated by Lucky Store in the Plaza. The cake-cutting ceremony, which will be open to all, will be held at noon in front of the El Cerrito Historical Society's exhibit.

Co-sponsoring this year's Fiesta are The Journal, PetVet/Petfood, East Bay Sanitary Company and the West County Times. Financial backers include El Cerrito Natural Food Co., Mail Boxes, Etc., Sunset View Cemetery Association, Larry Seidell Chevron, Shields Nursing Center, Honda of El Cerrito, Pastime Ace Hardware, Mechanics Bank, and El Cerrito Plaza Co.

Parade, coloring contest on

The merchants of El Cerrito Plaza, most of whom belong to the Chamber of Commerce, will host their annual Halloween Parade and Trick or Treat Day on Halloween Friday, Oct. 31 from 3 - 6 p.m.

During this event, which will be open to all children 12 years and under, costumed youngsters will parade into stores where they will receive "treats" from each merchant.

Now underway is the Plaza's annual Halloween Coloring Contest. Contestants may pick up entry forms at any store in the Plaza, at the weekly Tuesday and Saturday Farmers Markets, or at the Plaza Security Office.

Judging will be in three categories: 4 - 5 year olds, 6 - 7 year olds, and 8 - 9 year olds. Winners will receive Plaza

Money to spend in any of the Center's stores.

Entries must be submitted by 5 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 29. Judging will take place on Thursday, Oct. 30. Winning entries will be displayed at the Plaza Security Office in time for the Halloween Parade on Oct. 31.

Halloween basket giveaway

Local residents are being invited to enter a free Halloween Basket Giveaway now underway at Hippy Hop Baby Shop, 11236 San Pablo Ave.

The adult basket contains candy and holiday decorations, according to store owner Cheryl Crain. No purchase is necessary. To enter adults need only visit the store and fill out a slip with their name and address. The winner will be selected on Oct. 28.

In keeping with the holiday season Hippy Hop, one of the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce's newest members, is featuring a good selection of Halloween decorations and reasonably priced children's costumes.

Flu immunization clinic

The annual flu immunization clinic for persons 60 and older, or those with chronic health problems, has been scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 28, at the El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Moeser Lane. Those whose last names begin with A through M will get shots from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m., while those whose last names N through Z will get theirs from 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. There is a fee of \$5, but no one will be denied vaccination if they are unable to pay.

Chamber member to speak

It will be a case of one El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce member helping another when Kathy Glenn, owner of the Glenn Frame Shop at 7023 Stockton St., serves as guest speaker at the El Cerrito Art Association's general meeting on Monday, Oct. 13.

She will address the art group on the subject of matting and framing. In conjunction with the talk, she will conduct a Half Off Frame Sale at her shop on Saturday, Oct. 11.

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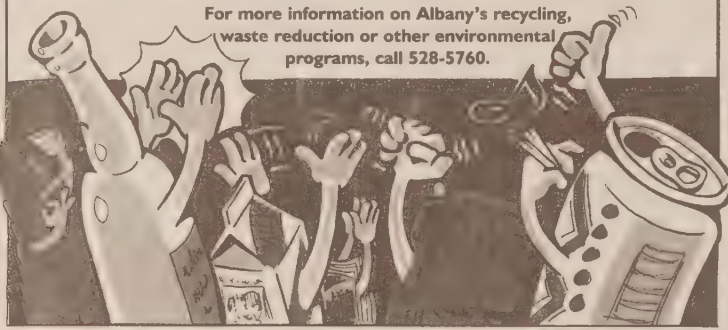
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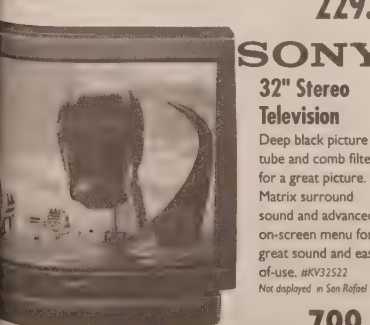
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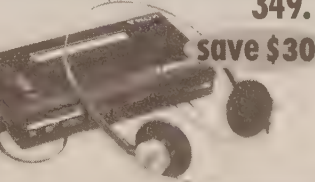
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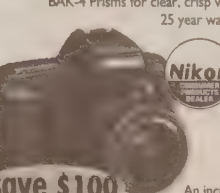
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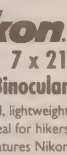


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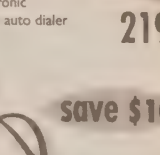
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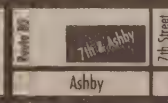


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Vision

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the redevelopment process, through which the city itself could buy and assemble properties. According to City Administrator Daren Fields, formation of a redevelopment area would occur a few years down the line—if at all—as the city will spend the next few years implementing other portions of the plan.

"The plan describes many different paths one can take, and this is only one possible path far down the road," Fields said.

Other proposed actions include amending the city's General Plan to triple the maximum allowable floor area ratio for mixed-use development, enforcement of existing sign regulations, a facade improvement program for businesses, and capital improvements such as street trees and bus shelters. The plan also suggests creating development policies which encourage transit-oriented and large-scale development, high-intensity development at San Pablo and Solano avenues, and improvements at Codornices and Cerrito creeks to better mark them as the gateways into Albany.

Before tackling the plan itself, the council heard a brief presentation by Community Development Director Bill Ekern, who said larger lots would draw developers and allow the type of buildings which would create a "presence" on the street. The plan currently suggests a requiring a minimum building height of two stories, and giving

preference to three-story structures.

Also, Ekern said, by coming out now in favor of larger, transit-friendly projects, the city would send a message to transit agencies and developers, which might in turn draw projects to the area.

In going through the plan, council members posed questions on subjects ranging from the proposed height of new development to what effect redevelopment-spurred lot assembly would have on surrounding neighborhoods.

Councilmember Peggy Thomsen, who showed some skepticism about the taller buildings at a previous meeting, questioned them again, and seemed uneasy about proposed revisions of parking requirements for new residential development.

At present, Albany's Measure D, passed by voters in 1978, requires providing two parking spaces for each new unit of housing. The vision plan proposes taking the matter back to the electorate next year and revising the requirement to .75 spaces for studio apartments, one space for one to two-bedroom units, and 1.5 spaces for larger units.

"You can hope that people will move to mass-transit, but you can't assume that," Thomsen said.

Consultant David Early, who drafted the plan, said, however, that the envisioned studio and one-bedroom apartments would likely draw younger tenants and the elderly, who might be more inclined to use

mass transit to get around.

Councilmember Bruce Mast asked for examples of the type of businesses the plan proposed to draw. According to Fields, the businesses would not be "big box" retailers but rather smaller, specialized shops. Mast also expressed concern about the effect of lot assembly on neighboring Kains Avenue and Adams Street, saying he hoped design guidelines would be drawn up so that residents would not be left with views of unattractive buildings.

Also, while the plan envisions building a three-story, 150-car parking structure on the parking lot of the Albany Cinema, Mast, a strong transit advocate, said, "We need to focus on people, not cars, because people, not cars, go shopping."

During the meeting's public comment period, Planning and Zoning Commissioner Michael Feiner spoke in favor of the plan, saying, "I think it really goes to what a lot of citizens in our community have been talking about for years."

Councilmember Elizabeth Baker also voiced her support for taller buildings, saying the plan as a whole was "a long time coming." Also, prior to the council's 5-0 vote, Thomsen requested that, if a redevelopment area is formed on San Pablo, condemnation of private property should be excluded, as it was recently in the Cleveland Avenue portion of the city's current redevelopment area.

Fate

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tural architect or engineer will make the presentation and then answer questions.

The school board must glean support from four of the seven State Allocation Board members in order to receive funding.

While construction of a new high school is estimated to cost from \$25 million to \$27 million, the school board has, as of last year, set aside \$11 million. The school board will be asking the State to make up the balance.

"We are hoping to have a favorable response from the State Allocation Board regarding our funding process, or at least to get further along in a positive way than we have up to this point. We are proceeding to

plan with the OPSC and have provided a lot of information to them," said Superintendent Dale Hudson.

According to Hudson, Senator Leroy Greene, who specializes in facilities issues, does not want to "open this issue up" in the Senate. If it goes through the State Allocation Board, it goes through a "small window," he said.

"They are scared to death of our project. It's a lot of bucks and a lot of districts will try and squeeze through the same window, if we get through," said Hudson.

The school district is also finalizing their Middle School cost estimate, and will start "haggling" with the OPSC about its financial participation.

"We should be able to get a little bit more help," said Hudson.

Volunteer training course set at Rape Crisis Center

The Rape Crisis Center of Contra Costa needs women volunteers to staff the 24-hour crisis line and to provide accompaniment services through medical and legal proceedings for victims of sexual assault.

The next training begins Oct. 20 and will continue through Nov. 19 in San Pablo. The training is offered at no charge and is open to women ages 18 and over.

The 40-hour training includes all aspects of adult and child sexual assault, crisis intervention techniques, prevention strategies, and active listening skills.

After completing the training, volunteers are asked to staff one 6-hour shift each week and may do so from her home. A phone and car are required. For more information, call the Rape Crisis Center at 307-4149.



Inside the chapel of Albany United Methodist's 70-year-old church building.

Greg Huguenin

United

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Marjorie Keck, a member since 1951, points to the relaxed, family atmosphere of the church, one in which members smile often and joke with one another, and where relationships are maintained over the course of lifetimes.

"I have many dear friends here, it's a place of comfort for me," Keck says. "It's comforting to me and I think to everybody. It's a very loving church, a very loving group of people."

Over the years, members have watched their children and grandchildren attend Sunday school. They have burned two mortgages, in some cases met future spouses, seen children baptized, contributed to local charities and produced two ministers.

According to Kearse, the church

also takes great pains to accommodate people of all lifestyles and backgrounds. Since World War II, for example, the church has catered to many international students from UC Berkeley's University Village, who often keep in touch to this day. Also, many who attend are giving religion a "second try," Kearse says.

"They're a combination of very strong people, but also very loving people at the same time," Kearse says. "They have a soft spot in their hearts for people who tend to be down and out."

In the future, Kearse says the church's next challenge lies in finding new ways to serve, and be part of, the community at large. The church, he says, is now at a crossroads where members must find new ways to reach out.

"They've faced change and

they're a changing group," Kearse says. "We can't expect the community to come to us, we have to go to the community."

In the more immediate future, though, members hope that all who have attended the church—either for worship or recreation—over the years will join them on Oct. 19 at 10 a.m. at 980 Stannage Ave. Events will include a worship service at 10, fellowship at 11:30, a light lunch at noon and a time for remembrance beginning at 1 p.m.

Attendees are encouraged to bring old photos and souvenirs. Members hope the event will serve both as a kick-off for a new era, and as an opportunity to see familiar faces.

"A lot of people have been invited, old friends, people who have moved away," Keck says.



■ Martin Snapp

[Tom Brown's School Days:] Remember the poem in last week's column that began with the words "I do not love thee, Dr. Fell"?

I said nobody remembers who Dr. Fell was, but at least one reader does remember. She declined to leave her name, but she left a very nice message on my answering machine informing me that Dr. Fell was Dean of Christ Church College at Oxford during the 17th Century. The poem was written by one of his disgruntled students, Thomas (Tom) Brown, who lived from 1663 to 1704.

I rushed to my Bartlett's Quotations, and sure enough, it's right there on page 286. Sorry I was too lazy to look in the first place.

However, I redeemed myself with my effort to find out the original creator of this year's Solano Stroll mascot, "Solano Man."

It turns out to be Patrick Glenn of Albany. At the time he created Solano Man, he was a fourth grader at Cornell Elementary School. Now he's a freshman at Albany High.

Pat's parents read my appeal for Solano Man's inventor to come forward, and they immediately recognized their son. As a result, Pat ended up riding at the head of the Solano Stroll parade, right alongside Solano Man himself. Attaboy, Pat!

Speaking of parades, I went to the "How Berkeley Can You Be?" parade the next week. And, as advertised, it was very, very Berkeley—for better (Wavy Gravy walking his pet fish on a leash) and worse (those ubiquitous naked people, who are really starting to become a bore).

Only in Berkeley would you see the mayor, Shirley Dean, immediately followed by a group of her critics who were lampooning her as "Shrilly Mean." I must say, the mayor was an awfully good sport to put up with it.

But my favorite moment was when an older couple in a Toyota, who obviously had no idea what was going on, accidentally got caught up in the parade. Naturally, the crowd gave them the loudest applause of all. As I said, it was very Berkeley.

In other transportation news, there's one vital issue that the media never looked into during the BART strike, so I thought I'd raise it now. It's for everyone who got caught in those monstrous traffic jams on the Bay Bridge. I was on the bridge, too, and I spotted a lot you whiling away the time by downing cup after cup of coffee.

My question is this: Did you find yourself unexpectedly having to answer the call of nature while you were still stuck on the Bridge? If so, what creative solutions did you come up with? Especially when there were others in the car?

Send me your answers. Enquiring minds want to know.

Move over, Princess Di. Make way for the new Dead Person of the Month—Margaret Lesher, who was the Sunday magazine cover story in both the *Examiner/Chronicle* and the *Contra Costa Times*, as well as *Focus* magazine. But nobody included my favorite Margaret anecdote—namely, the time she regaled a troop of visiting Brownies by waving a bottle containing a human fetus while she harangued them on the evils of abortion.

Meanwhile, the Promise Keepers held a big rally on the Mall in Washington, D.C. Then they went to the Capitol to meet with the Promise Breakers.

Over at the White House, Clinton was hosting a meeting of local weather forecasters from around the country. I was watching one of them being interviewed on CNN, and my mouth dropped: That same smug look, that same lantern jaw—it was John Giddings from San Diego, a dead ringer for his brother, Pete. Oh no! There are two of them!

Finally, did you watch the retirement ceremony for Gen. John Shalikashvili, head of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, on C-SPAN last week? The General must have winced at one sour note: when the Army Band struck up the song, "This is my country, land of my birth..."

Shalikashvili was born in Poland.

Since Saturday is Yom Kippur, let me take this opportunity to vigorously deny that any of the following are Jews, despite their names: Julius Erving, Moses Alou, George M. Cohan, God Shammgod or Benihana. (Barry Manilow, David Lee Roth and Bibi Netanyahu, unfortunately, are Jewish.)

And here's a tip for my Christian readers: Whatever you do, don't wish your Jewish friends a "Happy Yom Kippur." That's like saying "Happy Good Friday."

Yom Kippur is the saddest day of the Jewish calendar, a day of atonement when you're supposed to apologize to the people you offended during the past year.

So in that spirit, let me ask forgiveness of everyone this column has offended in the last 12 months.

And even if you're not Jewish, let me wish you a happy new year. As Bibi Netanyahu would say, "Next year in East Jerusalem!"

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■ Bill Mann

Dr. Laura "Shrinks" From The Competition. She's not even a psychologist or a psychiatrist, chuckles Dr. Joy Browne, talking about her rival, mysteriously popular call-in advice host Laura Schlessinger. "She has a Ph.D. in physics for heaven's sake."

I met Browne for a gosh when she was in the Area the other day to do her national show from Rosa, where it's carried on KSRO Radio (1550 AM, 11 weekdays). I hadn't seen Browne in a decade; she was still working at KGO Radio. While she was fired by KGO, supposedly for low ratings, we commiserated often. But Browne landed some other place.

Browne's show originates out of New York. Schlessinger's from L.A. And Browne, munching bagel, says, "In every market I face Laura beats me. I'm beating her in New York City. There's hope after all: I tired of Schlessinger's sessions on emotionally vulnerable callers moving to KGO from noon to 1 weekdays plus six hours on weekends, gets great female numbers. But it's from whom I hear the most angry complaints about Schlessinger. Maybe some women dislike her listen anyway."

I keep hearing that Dr. Laura, whose show on KGO from noon to 1 weekdays plus six hours on weekends, gets great female numbers. But it's from whom I hear the most angry complaints about Schlessinger. Maybe some women dislike her listen anyway.

Browne was on KPIX Radio here until last year and while she's no pushover with callers, Browne often-tough advice is also tempered by a much kinder approach. "I'd really like to get back the air in San Francisco," the 50-ish Browne told me. "I'd beat Laura." But that's not likely to happen as the two Disney-owned stations, KGO (which Dr. Laura) and KSFQ, have a virtual monopoly on radio in the Bay Area.

I could enumerate the reasons I find Dr. Laura's radio act tiresome—I burned out on it even more quickly than I did Rush Limbaugh's now-unmistakable schtick. But you could probably do better. So let me exercise in reader participation: E-mail me (Newsman@aol.com) brief notes on "Why I can't stand Dr. Laura." OK, or why you like her. You can also send them via regular mail to this Hills paper; really good ones I'll print.

One does suspect, partly because she's from (and all it implies), the red-hot Dr. Laura will wear her radio welcome mat here before she does in other radio markets. I think that's already happening.

MULTIMEDIA NOTES: Granted, he's probably an unlikely "host" of a TV series, but severely disabled physicist Dr. Stephen Hawking does produce PBS' new "Stephen Hawking's Universe," a four-hour series debuting Monday night on KQED-TV. Hawking, suffering from ALS ("Lou Gehrig's Disease") can barely move and cannot speak; his chords were ruined by surgery. But at strategic points in this series, his painstakingly typed thoughts are in normal conversational meter by a computer-generated voice. I've seen the first two Hawking shows; they trace early astronomy and cosmology to definitive proof of the Big Bang Theory of the creation of the universe. No intellectual heavy lifting on this thoughtful series—yet. This IS television, after all... This reminds me of former Bay Area radio David Feldman's great line: "The Big Bang theory says that all matter is escaping from a central point in the universe. And that point, of course, is Hayward."

The Empress' new clothes? What did former KRON reporter Soledad O'Brien do to deserve anchoring "NBC Nightly News" on weekends? She's a decent reporter, period. Some NBC exec (or execs) an inflated view of her talents. It doesn't hurt to have a catchy name. Just ask the not overly talented Willie Goldberg... KSFQ's Jim Eason was as emotional as I've ever heard him on the air when announcing the death last week of his buddy, penultimate hipster "Jazzbeaux" Collins. It almost goes without saying that KPIX-TV misspelled Collins' jazzy name that evening... Lookalikes: Investment guru Peter Lynch and David Hyde-Pierce of "Frasier."

Kate Kelly's decision to move to KPIX's early-morning newscast from early evenings was undoubtedly made partly because she wants to spend most of the day with her two young sons. Another reason: Channel 5's early newscast has abysmal ratings. Kate's presence will doubtless help. And she does seem like a good morning person... I liked ABC commentator Jeff Greenfield's description of revealing clothes women in more and more TV now wear to work: "Video voyeurism." It all starts, says Greenfield, with Heather Locklear's sexy, "looking 'executive'" wardrobe on "Melrose Place." It's spread to other series, most notably Fox's over "Ally McBeal." In his ABC weekend piece, Greenfield included footage of the kind of sensible, nonprovocative business suits women wear in real non-TV offices...

KCBS' capable weekend anchor Steve Little has quit as KRON's overnight update anchor. "I liked KRON, but the drive to my home in Windsor (just Santa Rosa) four days a week was killing me," explains the former KCBS managing editor, one of local radio's most respected newsmen. But before left, my Channel 4 sources say, Little was asked to audition a tape with KRON's Wendy Tokuda. Little would make a solid weekend TV anchor, and KRON's current one, James Hattori, is bland and weak and should be reassigned to reporting... Your best chance to schmooze with your local TV and radio favorite is the Russ Coughlan Celebrity Golf and Tennis Classic on Sat., Oct. 18. Among those expected to be at the evening Gala Party at the Osher Marin Jewish Community Center are KTVU's Dennis Richmond, KGO's Joel Bartlett and Don Sanchez; yours truly, KRON's Pete Wilson, and KPIX's Kelly, among other media types. There are also golf and tennis tournaments, which are fairly pricey. It's a benefit for an abused-kids' charity, Children's Garden. At \$40 party tickets are a great deal. Some of the better SF restaurants will also be there, providing great food. Call 415-331-9676 for ticket info. Hope to see you.

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El Niño: why all the frenzy?

H. W. Moss

El Niño is on everybody's lips. From idle bar talk to concerned TV newscasters, how bad the weather will be at the end of the year is part of the conversation from San Diego to Seattle.

Homeowners have begun to bat down their hatches, to reroof buildings and make watertight repairs to windows and doors. After all, an ounce of preparation is worth a pound of cure. But no one knows how bad things will get.

"I have to get someone to clean out my roof gutters, that's something I don't do," said Oakland homeowner Phyllis Williams. "I'm afraid of the height."

Williams has been made quite aware of the El Niño's potential stormy future, which some prophets say could begin in earnest as early as November. "And I'm sure I'll run into the problem that the contractors are all busy."

Meanwhile, the U. S. Geological Survey in San Francisco is trying to identify potential Bay Area sites prone to debris flows, turbulent mounds of earth, rocks and trees that race down steep gullies during a storm. In the event El Niño produces the much-anticipated torrential downpour this winter.

And property owners along the California coastline who remember storm ravaged beaches of 1982-83 are beginning to look like Floridians preparing for a hurricane. All of which makes contractors and buyers happy. But will this El Niño turn out to be the latest Kohoutek? That was the name of the comet that was supposed to put on such an incredible display but fizzled.

According to at least one weather expert, this apprehension and frenzy may be unwarranted since El Niño could go either way. "Yes, there will be some flooding in the state, but not abnormally so," said Tom Dunklee, Chief Atmospheric Scientist at Atmospheric Research Associates in Snoqualmie, WA. "Yes, the news media will give the impression that the whole state is floating away, but it won't be."

Atmospheric Research Associates is a private weather-consulting firm that comes up with forecasts separate from the government.

15 years ago. "It's different than what we had in the '80s, because we have a large body of warm water off the coast of California, a separate warming from El Niño that extends all the way out west almost to Hawaii," Dunklee said as he explained why people's fears may be unfounded.

He said this creates conditions other than the El Niño of memory. In the early '80s, there was cold water off the California coast. Today there is warm water.

"This separate warming will re-

late November, according to Dunklee.

Like any good weather forecaster, he spoke in general terms. Dunklee said to expect storms to arrive in December and stay through mid January. "Cold fronts come in from the northwest twice a week in early spring," Dunklee said. "That's normal. We will see some fairly dryer than average weather in January and early February."

Where the storm is directed at you, you're going to have some heavy ones. And every year you have some houses slide off a hill. "But the fears generated by CNN are way out of proportion to the true effects we will see from this El Niño."

"It does not control the world's weather like people say it does," Dunklee said. "It does influence the weather in its immediate surroundings, but other weather patterns change El Niño. And El Niño is small in comparison to the global atmospheric system."

So relax and keep in mind that we get wet weather in winter. "Yes it is going to be a rougher than average late fall and early winter," Dunklee said. "Late winter will be normal to a little wetter than normal but that has nothing to do with El Niño."

In other words, be prepared for winter storms from December to March because we always have them. But it's not a time to panic.

And it is always a good idea to keep your roof gutters clean.

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Interest rates up; COFI also on rise

On Oct. 2 Freddie Mac's Primary Mortgage Market Survey showed that the nationwide average for the 30-year fixed-rate mortgage stands at 7.31 percent up 2 basis points from last week's average of 7.28 percent. At the end of the first week of October 1996, the 30-year fixed-rate mortgage averaged 7.86 percent.

The average start-rate for the one-year Treasury-indexed adjustable rate mortgages (ARMs) rose a single basis point from last week's average of 5.51 percent to 5.52 percent. A year ago the average start rate for the one-year ARM stood at 5.82 percent.

This week's average for 15-year fixed-rate mortgages, a popular option in the refinance market, also rose a single basis point from last week's 6.86 percent to 6.87 percent. This time last year this rate was 7.68 percent.

"As expected the Federal Reserve Board decided to take no action on interest rates this week helping to keep mortgage rates stable," said Freddie Mac chief economist Robert Van Order.

"Given the Fed's inaction and the strong, steady economic growth we are experiencing, mortgage interest rates should remain steady for the foreseeable future."

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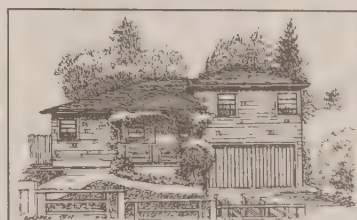


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Does decay haunt your home?

By Don Pearman

It's late October, and you are just about to fall asleep. You hear a sound. You listen intently. Is it a ghost? A goblin? A disgruntled "Trick or Treater"? Freddy Krueger?

It might be that your house is haunted by the dreaded structural pests that no homeowner wants to live with - termites, beetles, or the number one problem, the quiet and insidious, microscopic, rapidly-growing-and-capable-of-destroying-anything wooden mycelium fungi, better known as "dry rot."

There are three different kinds of termites that might be inhabiting your house: subterranean, wet wood and dry wood termites. Most people think these are extremely serious; however, the damage they can do is considerably less than that done by "dry rot."

Powder post beetles most often come and go, leaving little pinholes in wood where they have been or "frass", wood that they have eaten, digested and excreted. Often, by the time you find the remnants of a powder post beetle infestation, the beetles have already gone.

Dry rot, more accurately called decay, is the structural pest that you, the homeowner, should be most concerned about. It's quiet, it grows rapidly under the right conditions, and it can lead to more structural problems than any other structural

pest.

Decay thrives in warm, dark and damp conditions in the wooden parts of a structure. It is impossible to control the light and temperature in inaccessible parts of your home where decay is likely to be. It is possible to control moisture in areas likely to become infested with decay and thereby prevent it.

The number one problem area is the roof. How the water leaves the roof is critical and controllable. If the roof or a gutter leaks, and mois-

also leak, causing decay to grow unrecognized.

Wooden windows are susceptible to the ravages of moisture; the wood of the window absorbs moisture and is prone to rot. If the windows aren't sealed and painted properly, water most often will wick up from the bottom corners of the windows and start decay there.

Even the foundation is susceptible to rot - in many foundations, the wooden mudsill was set into wet concrete, causing a depression in the concrete that can trap any water that happens to make its way to the foundation from any one of several sources. A rotten mudsill or decayed framing will threaten the structural integrity of the entire house.

Most often, you, the homeowner, are unaware of the decay that might be happening in the wooden parts of your house. This decay can cause tens of thousands of dollars worth of damage before it becomes apparent. You should eliminate moisture in the house by fixing any problems that might be present - leaking roofs, gutters, toilets, etc.

A regular checkup by a competent professional to find causes of moisture before decay begins is highly recommended to all homeowners. Fixing a problem before serious damage has occurred can save a great deal of money and anguish. It is unlikely that your house is haunted, but it is likely that decay-causing conditions exist. Don't be like the homeowner who became a "little noise in the night" by falling through her decayed living room floor. Find and fix moisture problems before they become major decay problems.

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Decay in the wooden parts of your house can cause tens of thousands of dollars worth of damage before it becomes apparent.

ture gets behind a stucco wall, the decay might not be apparent before it is too late.

If the toilet has a faulty connection and leaks, it can cause the wood beneath the toilet to decay unseen. The shower pan or the tub might

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LEILA GOUGH

Have you ever wondered how long it would take to double your money through investing? To those who do not care for math, this calculation might be considered a nightmare.

However, before you panic, there is a much simpler way - check out the "Rule of 72." Thanks to the "rule," calculating about how fast say, \$10,000 would turn into \$20,000 is quick, easy and relatively painless.

The Rule of 72 is a simple formula for approximating the time it will take a given amount money to double at a given compound annualized rate of return. The formula is simply this: take the number 72 and divide it by the rate of return.

Here are a couple of scenarios. In the first let's say you've invested \$10,000 in an aggressive technology fund that has an annual rate of return of 12 percent. Using the Rule of 72 you'll find that it will take about six years for your \$10,000 to double, as 72 divided by 12 gives you 6.

Let's look at a more conservative investment for the second example. Pretend your \$10,000 is invested in a conservative food company stock with an annual rate of 6 percent.

Applying the Rule of 72, you'll see that it would take 12 years for your investment to double, as 72 divided by 6 is 12. These are just examples and do not apply to any specific investment.

While it is easy to see that the higher the compound rate of return, the faster you can potentially double your money, you should not forget about your original investment

Double your money! Well, here's the rule

goals.

By trying to double your money quickly, the issue of risk versus reward should become a serious consideration.

While doubling your money in a relatively short amount of time may look appealing, you should realize that potentially quick payoffs usually come with more risk to your principal.

Consequently, you should ask yourself whether the risk of the investment is tolerable in order to reap the potential reward. How quickly you could double your money with a risky investment does not matter much of the investment

While you cannot control risk when investing, you can be informed, sensible decisions by finding investments that best suit your needs, your income and your current financial situation.

But keep in mind that anything to be said for not making any more money than you need to lose.

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value falls drastically and you end up losing money instead of earning it.

Keep in mind that while you are possibly making risky investments, at the same time a more conservative investor might be realizing a 7 percent annual rate of return - earning money slowly but surely.

help reduce your risk and at the same time, can potentially earn rewards.

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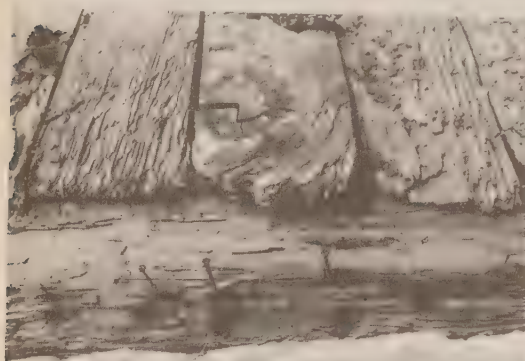
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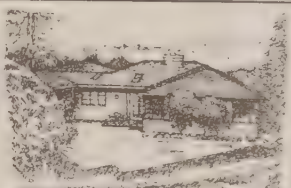
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When it's your move...

Anneli and Tuffy find elusive fixer-upper

Number 215 in a series of true experiences in real estate.

In my filing cabinet at the office is a thin file folder labeled "Good Real Estate Writing" to which I occasionally add an article I've read and can't bear to throw away.

I am just about to put into my file a wonderfully good piece from the September 3 issue of the Express newspaper, "The Fixer-Upper" by Anneli Rufus.

I read everything Anneli Rufus

In this week's offering I learn that Anneli and Tuffy have bought a house, not a "cute house" she says, describing what it looked like when they first saw it.

She doesn't say where the house is located but as I read her words, hear her tell me about the daisy-covered wallpaper, for example, I wonder if I have also seen this house.

The daisies, she writes, "ran down the basement stairs and covered the kitchen and, from every



TARPOFF & TALBERT

room were brassy faux-Colonial with frosted globes the shapes of uterus...

I've seen them. Sometimes there are slender ribs in the glass, 60-watt capacity giving poor light; cheap at \$9, which must be the reason people buy them.

Later in her story, after she tells that they've bought the house and own the lights, Anneli says they'll be keeping them. "Who can afford both a house and lamps?" she poses.

Anneli and Tuffy went to the open house that day because sushi was being served. Many others were there too, all of whom could afford to buy the home, Anneli is sure, but they all fled from the warped bathroom wallboard, splintered wood deck and the fake-brick kitchen linoleum "with upraised grayish worms of faux cement."

Tuffy, having seen the strangeness of the house has "an unaccustomed gloom in his eyes," Anneli writes. "His pale blue irises inhuman, like aluminum." Still, he says, "let's buy it."

No one else makes an offer and so they make their own, a low offer, which, they're surprised, is accepted.

The house is sound, she says, everything works. "No funny wiring, no hidden jerry-rigs... Doors and floors all straight. No bugs. No cracks. Making this house less hideous was just a matter of cosmetics."

No kidding? Where is this house? Now I know I can't have seen it. In the market I know, multiple offers are being made on houses that look as odd as this one but also have flooded basements, rotting windows, utterly gone roofs.

We have buyers looking at under-\$200,000 houses in Berkeley that are wrecks, need expensive and

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Is it possible that I was inside this house and found the daisies and wormy cement so odd that I rejected it?

...the subject doesn't matter. I do not know Anneli Rufus except from her writing, which thankfully appears fairly often in the Express. I always look forward to whatever she has to say about herself and her husband, Tuffy.

Interesting names, aren't they? Anneli Rufus and Tuffy. Irresistible to me. Is he a Rufus too?

I didn't even notice her name at first — I just read her stuff and loved it. She's funny and different. She notices tiny details, things I wish I'd been there to see myself, she tells me about them.

appearance, threatened to turn the corner and cover the corridor leading to the bedrooms.

I can see it; it seems so familiar. I'm sure I've been there, I think, but where?

There is more: "The bedrooms' wallpaper was artificial wood, striated green with wistful, half-hearted knotholes."

Yes, I've seen that wallpaper too, shrunk from it, and now that I am picturing it well, I remember it in more than one house.

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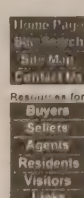
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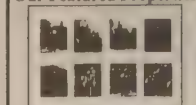
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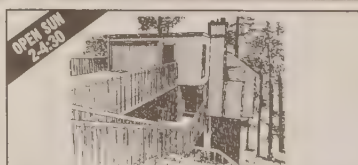
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Art Deco treasures

When King Tutankhamen's tomb was opened in by the English archaeologist Lord Carter in 1922, the news of that fabulous discovery electrified the world. The splendors of ancient Egypt had never been seen in such richness and abundance, and before long their unique beauty had inspired a rash of imitations in every medium of art.

It was in the architecture of the 1920s and '30s that the influence of Egyptian motifs stood out most clearly. By mixing these motifs with elements of other historic Mediterranean styles such as Byzantine, Babylonian, Roman, and Islamic, and rendering these motifs in stylized or "streamlined" forms in such new materials as chrome, aluminum, frosted glass, and stainless steel, a new genre of architecture was created which was commonly referred to as Art Deco.

Among the major cities on the West Coast which joined in the Art Deco Movement, one of the most enthusiastic participants was Oakland. Los Angeles and San Francisco, once major centers of Art Deco architecture, have lost many of their most outstanding examples, especially their great

movie palaces. But in Downtown Oakland there remains what is now one of the finest collections of Art Deco buildings anywhere in the Western United States.

In the years between the end of the First World War and the start of World War Two, the East Bay experienced its greatest growth and economic development. In the building boom of those years, Oakland's many fine Art Deco structures were erected. Within the past decade or so, many of these buildings have been restored and/or preserved as historic landmarks, and several have been saved from economic obsolescence by "adaptive reuse" so that they can serve a useful modern purpose.

The movie palaces of the Art Deco Era were its greatest glory, and today are its greatest monuments. Their spacious lobbies and high-ceilinged auditoriums provided moviegoers a show in themselves, one which today's multi-screen cineplexes simply cannot offer.

Oakland possess two remarkable examples of the Art Deco theater within its business district. The Paramount, known to architecture buffs across the country,

is the most elaborately decorated and best restored Art Deco movie palace left on the West Coast. Rearing its impressive marquee fifty feet into the air from its location at Broadway and 21 st. Street, it creates a breathtakingly beautiful image at night as its lights reflect their changing colors in the gleaming tiles of its facade.

The exterior terra cotta tilework forms a fitting design for a movie theater. Two giant Byzantine figures (the Emperor Justinian and his Empress Theodora) control on puppet strings many smaller figures representing various fields of sports and entertainment.

The lobby of the Paramount is decorated in a style sometimes laughingly referred to as "Buck Rogers" for its fantastic mix of historic motifs rendered in the latest "futuristic" materials. The theme of this ornate display is decidedly Freudian—the sexual fantasies of architect Timothy Pflueger rendered in bronze, aluminum, chrome, stainless steel, and frosted glass. Pflueger's son told me several years ago that his father intended the large decorative panels at either end of the lobby to represent the male and female sex organs, albeit in a stylized form.

The auditorium provides the final overpowering display of High Art Deco—sometimes called "Zig Zag" Art Deco. The walls were designed as huge bas-relief murals in stamped metal showing mythological figures in an earthly paradise. A richly textured curtain embellished with silver lame—a painstaking reproduction of the original, hangs over the stage. And above the stage, in a large bronze panel, rises a winged godlike figure flanked by winged horses, his arms outstretched in a

gesture of upward flight towards the stars.

The other great Art Deco movie palace remaining in Oakland is the Fox Oakland Theater at 19th and Telegraph. The Fox was the first sound movie theater west of Chicago, and by far the largest and most lavish theater in the Bay Area until the Paramount went up several years later. Built between 1926 and 1928 by the firm of Weeks and Day, it is a fantastic

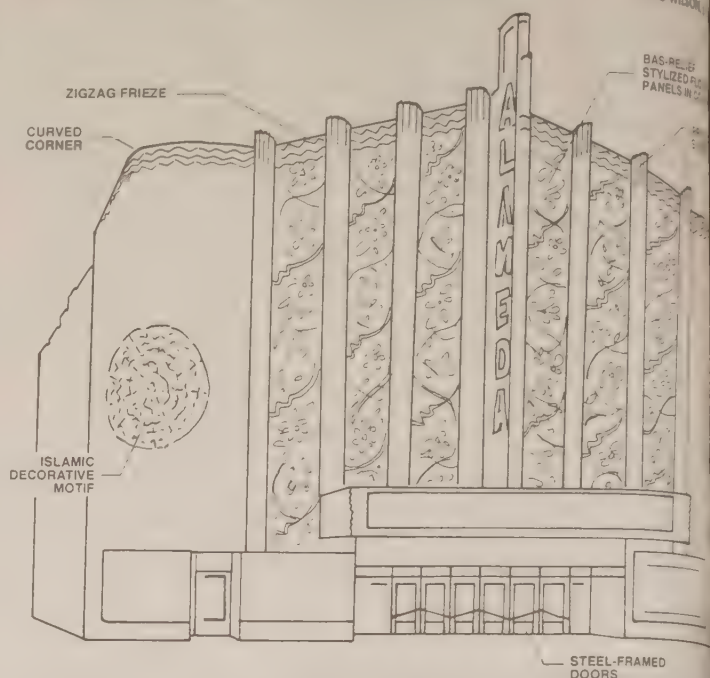
mixture of Hindu and Islamic motifs with a dash of Babylonian thrown in.

Stainless steel columns and exaggerated scrollwork embellish the entrance around the ticket booth. An Islamic style niche rises above the old marquee, richly decorated with inlaid glazed terra cotta tile in various shades of blue. Flanking the niche are two Babylonian style slab projections (also used in ancient Egypt).

topped by scalloped motifs which are etched in birdlike creatures. The concoction is a huge stupa design of Hindu India.

The interior of the Fox more translucent, with Indian flavor derived from Hindu, Islamic, and details. In the two from

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The Alameda Theater on Central Avenue in Alameda was designed in 1931 and is an example of the Art Deco "Streamline Moderne" mode.

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PAUL WINANS

In my previous column it was noted the housing market is hot once again. While the glory days of the '80s, don't quite exist just yet, homes are routinely being overbid.

Many people are entering the real estate market for the first time. All of this can contribute to decisions to buy being made that will be regarded with regret all too soon. Now can such an outcome be avoided? How can the home buyer protect himself?

Looking at the property carefully and critically is very important. In this column I'll continue the list that was started in the previous issue. In our imaginary walk through the home, we had made it to the basement.

We had looked at the foundation and the utilities. Let's continue our examination.

Ability to add more finished space. Are you thinking about finishing the basement to create additional living space? Then be sure to

Take a careful look, part two

measure the floor-to-ceiling height.

If it is less than 7 feet 6 inches, it will not be possible for you to develop the space in a code-complying manner. The building code requires that all habitable space have a ceiling height of 7 feet 6 inches.

It is not uncommon for spaces with inadequate headroom to be developed anyway. If you are considering doing this, keep in mind that when you sell the house, you

Consider the following scenario: You buy the building, secure the building permit for the one remaining project that will really make the building work for you; the work gets underway.

Then the building inspector comes for the rough inspection before finishes go up. And he or she starts asking if there was a permit for the space just walked through to get to the work you are having done.

Ask about the permit process sooner than later. In fact, ask the sellers to show you the building's permit history.

will be required to disclose to buyers whether or not all work done on the building was done with building permits. The lack of a building permit can create concern on the part of a buyer.

Existing work done with or without permits. Speaking of building permits, you should be asking this question of the seller. If there has been a lot of work done on the building and there were no permits taken for the work, you might be buying future problems.

This might start you on the troublesome process of getting a permit for work that is already in place, if you are lucky. If you are unlucky, you might have to pay to redo the work in a code-complying manner or, worse yet, pay to have all the work removed.

Ask about the permit process sooner than later. In fact, if you are really serious about the building, ask the sellers to show you the city's permit history of the building. If they balk at doing this, you can

assume there might be a problem.

Now let's go upstairs to the living space. As you walk around, note the general condition of the building. Are the finishes in good enough shape to allow you to move in and start living there? Or are they so deteriorated that work will have to be done before you can call the place home?

Paint is not so much a big deal but pay attention to the condition of the floors. They are the hardest to deal with once you are living in the house because of the need to move all your furniture out of the way to get your work done.

Hardwood floors If there are hardwood floors take a close look at them. Hardwood floors have had regular pairs of dots in each board. Are there stains from water or pets? These areas of the floors will have to be cut out and patched in order for the floor to be acceptably refinished.

The typical hardwood floor is five-sixteenths of an inch thick when installed. Because the flooring gets thinner each time it is sanded and refinished it is worth checking its thickness.

To do this, find an open joint between boards and insert a business card until it can go no further. The card is probably resting on the subfloor. Mark the top of the finished floor on the card before taking it out of the joint.

Take the card out and measure the distance from the edge of the card to the mark you made. If it is three-sixteenths of an inch or less, you probably will not be able to refinish that floor.

That might be OK with you but it is better to know it before you buy the house planning on reusing the existing floor. Since removal and replacement of the floors can cost \$10 to \$12 a square foot or more you want to know if these costs

Regine's women



Regine Pressler's art will be on display at the Red Oak Gallery through December 10. Meet her at this Friday evening's reception.

Red Oak Gallery's next featured artist is impressionist Regine Pressler of El Cerrito. Her collection "Women Series" will be on exhibit from Oct. 10, 1997 Jan. 2, 1998 at the Red Oak Gallery, located within the Red Oak Realty office, 1891 Solano Avenue, Berkeley.

Pressler, a self-taught artist, has a background in graphic design. She won the "Best of Show Award" in the 1996 Vacaville Art show for her 48" x 24" acrylic painting "Spider Web Lounge".

She has come a long way since living in the Austrian Alps as a child, moving to Oakland, and

eventually settling in El Cerrito where she and her husband raised two daughters and a son.

For most of her adult life, Pressler worked as a free-lance artist in San Francisco and eventually began to paint full time.

The combination of bright and unique strokes portrays a sense of excitement, mystery and sensuality in her paintings.

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"sell" the public," said Cannon. "Instead, the site, referred to as 'The Complete Housing Resource' is for people looking to buy, sell, stay put or visit the Berkeley area. Graphics are kept at a minimum, as a cour-

tesy to the Websurfer who hates to wait for graphics to download."

The site's basic philosophy allows anyone interested in Berkeley, The University of California, the surrounding community, neighborhoods, local organizations or businesses to obtain all of this in-

formation at one site.

"Many other real estate Websites only offer access to the Multiple Listings Service as their main service," said Cannon. "We wanted to set ourselves apart by offering a site that actually gave away useful information with no obligation

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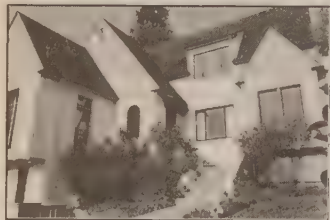
The site, which has been described as a "Berkeley-Centric Guide to the Web," has a link to the office roster, including a list of 12 languages for individuals looking

for a real estate professional who speaks a language other than English. The site also boasts its own humor library for those looking for a good laugh.

A Berkeley native and a Cal grad, Cannon is active in the local community. Brett DeSchepper, the BerkeleyHome Webmaster holds a

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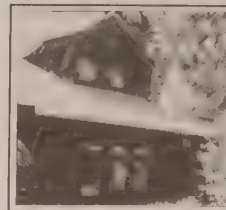
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Take hard look at design choices

By Jan Hall

Patience is the word for garden installation. Writing from personal experience with my own garden, my monthly customer gardens and garden installations, there is no room for rushing to complete the task. Changing ones mind after the installation will either be costly or cause long term disappointment.

The first use of patience in designing is to take time to study the garden. How do the seasons affect the amount of light? What are the seasonal temperature extremes? What type of soil is in the garden? I recommend no major garden change or installation until you have watched the garden for one full year.

In changing a garden you should first consider the overall look, not the individual plants. Garden structure is formed first by the hardscape and second by your large backbone plants like trees, hedges and groups of shrubs.

If you are adapting an existing garden or installing a new garden then the types of questions you need to answer are: What is the overall structure or backbone of the garden that I want? What hardscape (walls, patios, decks, arbors, etc.) will I keep or will I install? What will be the purpose of the hardscape?

Hardscape includes fences, retaining walls, walkways, decks and patios. Choosing materials that the hardscape is made of will dictate the types of plants that you can plant. As an example, if you put a solid eight foot wooden fence along

your property line, then the amount of light and air received by the plants along the fence will be different from that of an open fence, say a split rail or wire fence.

Go for a ride, go for a lot of rides. Take a look at what other people have done. Look at the form and check out the materials used in the hardscape. Buy some books on hardscape. Both Ortho and Sunset have inexpensive books on decks, fences, patios. Talk to people that have already installed hardscape - ask them what would they do differently, what aspects of their hardscape do they like, and how difficult is the upkeep?

Unless you are interested in a very formal garden, keep in mind when designing your hardscape to keep lines as soft as possible. You don't have much choice with a border fence - they are usually built in a linear fashion, but you do have a choice in patio, walkway and retaining wall installation. You can make soft, flowing lines, that will let your eye meander amidst the plants, yet to be considered.

Walkways should not lead directly to the door, but should have gentle curves in them. The curves allow the eye to flow gently over the landscape, rather than dart from one straight line to the next. Do you want a solid walkway or one made out of stone so you can plant between the stones?

Patios can have long gently undulating edges. Wooden decks are a bit more linear, due to the

Your landscape will be with you for a long time, so make it as you want it.

construction material. Wooden decks can be softened later by your plantings.

Two precautions: your hardscape is usually much more costly than your softscape (plants): If you are going to install the hardscape before considering the planting, then you should make sure you run conduits under the walkways, and patios for later irrigation and lighting installation. Run extra conduits, price is minuscule compared to digging under existing walkways to add another conduit.

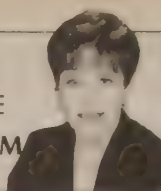
Remember your landscape, both hard and soft, will be with you for a long period of time, therefore, it is worth the time to make it as you want it.

Once you have settled on the form, size and design of the hardscape your next task is to consider your landscapes backbone plantings — the subject for my next article.

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Most buyers get a mortgage when they buy a home, often for 80 to 95 percent of the purchase price. Therefore, most purchase contracts include a contingency for the buyers to obtain the financing they need to complete the purchase.

Precisely how the financing contingency is worded varies from one contract to the next. It could simply state that the offer is contingent on the buyers qualifying for financing, without having any reference to the property appraising for the purchase price.

When the buyers' contract is contingent on their getting a large mortgage, relative to the property value, an appraisal contingency may not be necessary. If the buyers need a loan for 90 to 95 percent of the purchase price, their loan probably won't be approved for the amount they need, if the property appraises for less than the purchase price.

For example, suppose the buyer's agreed to pay \$200,000 for a home. They have 10 percent cash to put down; they need to get a mortgage for 90 percent of the purchase price, or \$180,000.

If the home appraises for only \$195,000, and the lender will only grant a loan for 90 percent of the appraised value, the buyers will be approved for a \$175,500 mortgage — \$4,500 less than they need to close the sale.

In this example, even if the contract doesn't include an appraisal contingency stating that

Playing 'what if'

the home must appraise for the purchase price, the buyers have some protection against overpaying. The lender simply won't approve a \$180,000 mortgage. So the buyers don't need an appraisal contingency.

The buyers could choose to go through with the deal if they have an extra \$4,500 to put down. Or they could ask the sellers to reduce the price to the appraised value. Otherwise, they can probably get released from the contract and have their deposit returned.

Buyers who make a large cash down payment relative to the mortgage amount won't have the same protection if they make an offer without an appraisal contingency.

Let's say you buy a \$200,000 home and you have \$50,000 to put down. The home appraises low at \$195,000 but the lender is willing to give you a loan for 80 percent of the appraised value — \$156,000 in this example. Since you only need a \$150,000 mortgage, your loan will probably be approved.

Buyers who pay all cash for a home don't need a financing contingency. They have the money required to close. But, they often include a contingency for the home to appraise for the purchase price to make sure they aren't paying too much for the property.

Is it a big mistake to pay more for a property than the appraised value? Not necessarily. Appraisals are somewhat subjective. Two appraisals of the same property, done at the same time, won't necessarily come in at the same value. There is usually a range of acceptable market value for a property.

Also, property values are in a constant state of flux. It's more

difficult to pin point a value when the market is changing. When values are rising, yesterday's sales may be out of date in terms of what buyers are paying today for similar properties. When values are falling, comparable sales from a few months ago may be higher than current market value.

So, when values are rising, paying a little more than the appraised value isn't a major issue for most buyers. Appreciation will probably make up the difference shortly. But buyers are usually more sensitive to overpaying, even by a small amount, when values are either stable or declining.

Paying a little more than the appraised value when you find exactly the property you want isn't a sin, particularly if you've looked for a while with no luck, and you're sure you won't have to move again soon. It's not always easy to find a home that suits your particular needs.

Buyers bidding against other buyers in multiple offer competition might want to forego an appraisal contingency — that is if they don't mind overpaying a little. Often the offer for the best price with the fewest contingencies is the one accepted by the sellers.

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extensive repair to prevent ongoing deterioration and our buyers are being outbid by other buyers who are bent on owning too. We'd be so happy to find a house in a pleasant, preferably Berkeley neighborhood — sound and plain, even if yucky on the surface, particularly if there was not a crowd of buyers competing to buy.

Why were Anneh and Tuffy the only buyers for their house? Of course I don't know what they paid, anyway maybe it's a long Highway 80 commute away.

They institute their fix-it attack. They bring home piles of books to read, paint chips to dream on. They borrow tools (a sander for the deck, for starters) from the Berkeley Public Tool Lending Library.

Wait! Their house must be in Berkeley. But where? I search through the article but she doesn't say and I'm beset with unrest. Did I miss this house? Might it (or another like it) have worked for our clients, had I not overlooked it?

Or, is it possible that I was inside this house (or another like it) and, like everyone else, I found the daisies and wormy cement so odd that I rejected it?

This is a terrible thought, an agent-haunting, that I might look and not see. It must, of course, happen to me at least once in a while. I'm sorry to think of it.

But the house was found, seen, purchased by Anneh and Tuffy and

I am glad for that, glad for them. They are clever and thrifty, persistent and passionate.

They spend three days scraping bits of green indoor-outdoor carpet off the floor and they paint all of the rooms of the house with low-cost "mismatched" paint.

A different color is chosen for each room: turquoise for the entry, cool blue for the living room; one bedroom is a reddish-orange. The bathroom walls are painted cherry red to match. Anneh explains, the necktie of the paint-by-numbers mariachi singer in a picture she luckily found in a dumpster and hung on the wall. The bathroom turns out to be "the cutest room in the house."

The kitchen daisies are gone; they buy a remnant to replace the lino, aqua with red and pink flecks, and the entire kitchen is painted coral. When it's done, Anneh writes, it looks like Circus Circus.

She likes it, for days congratulates herself on its brightness. Then in the early dawn on a day when it seems the right thing to do, Anneh mixes up some pink and white and does the walls over again.

The kitchen is now — no wonder I find Anneh Rufus, her name, her writing irresistible — "the shy and girlish pink of training bras."

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Internet latest mortgage tool

Technology has consumed the mortgage industry. Throughout the years, the computer has sped up the lending process enormously and now it may offer clients with great credit and a large amount of assets the best interest rates available.

Several mortgage companies in the Bay Area have been selected for a beta test for IMX, the Mortgage Exchange. This program uti-

lizes the Internet, the information superhighway, to bring mortgage brokers and lenders together. While the program is available for borrowers with less-than-perfect credit, the real beneficiaries are creditworthy borrowers shopping for the very best rates available.

The lenders may be local or an institutions from out of state. Everything is anonymous, at least initially. The mortgage broker takes a loan application, verifies the borrower income, assets and credit. At a point where the mortgage broker feels it is time to "shop" the loan, it is posted on the system.

The lender sees only items like loan-to-value, credit scores, available cash, income and loan amount. The broker tells the lender what rate and points he would like to offer the borrower. It is then put out to bid.

The lenders in this test group then post their bids on submitted loans. If the bid is good, often at least one quarter percent below the prevailing rate at the same cost offered by the 100 lenders we follow everyday, we lock the loan

The IMX, the Mortgage Exchange, uses the Internet to bring mortgage brokers and lenders together.

rate. (The lenders bid on the lock time as well.)

This is when the lender and the broker are put together. Because the broker is automatically approved with the lender through IMX, the IMX representative then provides the lenders paperwork and transportation services.

In this industry, we have a delivery system called Transbox, which, like UPS and FedEx, provide next day delivery on paperwork between mortgage brokers and lenders.

When the lender bids on the loan, it also bid on the delivery time — the time the broker must deliver the loan to them, based on what the broker asked for a lock in period. If the broker asked for a

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10- to 15-day lock, the lender would request delivery of the loan package with in a day or two. If a 21- to 30-day lock was requested, the lender would not need the loan package for at least seven to 10 days.

For the broker, this system shortens the "shopping" process while offering the borrower the best possible rate. We receive over 100 rate sheets faxed from lenders every day. A few lenders are consistently the lowest, but as they get very busy and they want to slow the demand, they may raise their rates.

Another lender may drop its rates to temporarily increase demand. So all these rate sheets need to be reviewed daily. The IMX system could reduce the time necessary to accomplish this very important part of the broker's job.

For the lenders, this system offers an affordable marketing tool to procure loans without hiring

additional sales staff, reducing all the overhead of hiring a staff member.

The service is provided by Interactive Online Systems, which offers the broker another tool.

For a monthly fee, the broker can search wholesale rates, dated daily, from over 300 lenders, and send loans to over 150 lenders. Again, a good example of how a personal computer and the Internet have changed and increased efficiency in the mortgage industry.

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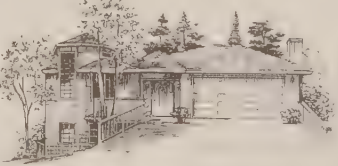
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flanking the stage sit two huge Buddha-like statues on ornate pedestals. Above each of their heads rises an even more elaborate plasterwork confection of rising stepped arches and columns forming the framework of tall niches. The design is capped with the same stupas-dome motif found on the exterior of the theater.

The future fate of the Fox Oakland Theater remains cloudy. It has been sitting empty for most of the past twenty years, since it was purchased at an auction by a couple from Piedmont in 1978. Several attempts to purchase and restore the theater as a performing arts

center or for other adaptive reuse have fallen through in the intervening years. One can only hope that some economically viable use will be found by a new owner in the near future, so that this fabulous piece of the East Bay's architectural heritage can be reborn for later generations to enjoy.

Besides Oakland, two other communities in the East Bay retain smaller versions of Art Deco movie palaces in their downtown districts. The Alameda Theater at 2315 Central Street in Alameda was designed in 1932 by Miller and Pfeuger, the same firm that designed Oakland's Paramount. The interior was converted into a roller rink several years ago, but the original furnishings and decorative decor still remain.

County can help get rid of all that waste

This weekend may be the time to clean out the garage or get rid of that unsightly pile in the back yard or the back corner of the house.

Perhaps you've been putting off the task because of "things" lying around you just don't know what to do with: the rest of that varnish from when you finally got around to finishing that table, the oil from the last time you decided to save money and change the oil in the car yourself and or the half a can of smelly insecticide that worked so well on those invading ants (it's no wonder they left!)

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The United Artists Theater at 2274 Shattuck Avenue in Berkeley was designed in 1932 by C. A. Balch. Although it was converted into a multi-screen theater in the 1980s, this Art Deco movie house still has an interesting bas-relief decorative design on the upper facade, and many of its original Deco furnishings in the lobby.

Retail outlets during the 1920s and '30s were almost as elaborately furnished as the movie palaces of the era. Across the street from the Fox Theater, at the northeast corner of 19th Street and Telegraph Avenue, stands one of the finest gems of Zig Zag Art Deco architecture left in the East Bay—the 1931 Oakland Floral Depot. Designed by architect Albert J. Evers and originally housing the National Shirt Shop Company, this jewel box is sheathed in gleaming terra cotta tile in "cobalt blue", a color taken from ancient Egyptian tombs. The two story facade rises into a tower in the shape of a Babylonian stepped pyramid (or ziggurat), flanked by a battlement of Byzantine fountain spray motifs and Roman gladioli leaves, two of the most popular decorations for Zig Zag Deco commercial buildings.

A block-and-a-half up the street at 1712 Telegraph Avenue is the old Singer Sewing Shop, designed by Douglas Stone in 1931. A superb frieze of green terra cotta tile in typically Deco zig zag patterns rewards those passersby who take the time to glance upwards above the ground floor level.

The facade of I Magnin's Department Store at 20th and Broadway presents what is perhaps the most classic essay in the "Streamlined Moderne" phase of the Art Deco movement in Oakland. Designed in 1931 by Albert Froberg, the shimmering "aquamarine green" terra cotta surface of this imposing structure is divided into sweeping vertical slabs punctuated by zig zag bas-relief panels.

The ornament here is relatively restrained and the geometric massing of the slabs and rows of windows is more pronounced than on other nearby Zig Zag Deco commercial buildings, hence the term Streamlined Moderne for this version of Art Deco.

The Old John Breuner Company Building at 22nd and Broad-



Oakland's Fox Theater, the first sound theater west of Chicago, is a fantastic mixture of Hindu and Islamic motifs with a dash of Babylonian.

way is a massive Streamlined Moderne Deco cube, sheathed in sea green terra cotta that undulates in a strong slabwork pattern across its block-long facade.

Albert Roller designed this furniture store in 1931, and decorated the exterior with several bas-relief panels depicting bare-chested laborers and pieces of fur-

ture. Taken together, Oakland's Art Deco treasures made a forceful statement of faith and confidence in the commercial potential and future growth of the city, one which can serve as an inspiration to the community as it debates the

merits of hosting a World's Fair in the year 2002.

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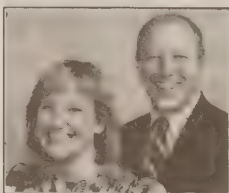
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Events

The Events Calendar does not accept-for-profit listings. Announcements for these events can be made in our classified section by calling 339-8777. Listings are made on a space available basis.

The Women's Council of Realtors invites you to its annual fund raiser **Oktoberfest**. Join the fun at the Jupiter Pub on Berkeley, Thurs., Oct. 9. The \$15 donation includes pizza a beer tasting and an on-host bar. Call Lee Jacobson at 339-6460 or Nancy Duncan at 339-2380 to purchase tickets.

Oakland's One-Stop Capital Shop (OSCS) provides a series of free and low-cost small-business developmental workshops available to the public on an ongoing basis. These workshops are geared for small and midsize business entrepreneurs. The next workshop **SCORE Pre-Business Workshop** is scheduled for 8:15 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Thurs., Oct. 9, at the One Stop Capital Shop, 519 17th St. in Oakland. The free workshop **Business Planning for Success** will be held from 5 to 7 p.m., Tues., Oct. 14. For more information about these and other workshops, call 238-3703.

Red Oak Gallery hosts an exhibition by El Cerrito artist Regine Pressler. Her collection "Women Series" will be on exhibit from Oct. 10 through Jan. 2. Meet the artist at a reception in her honor at the gallery in Red Oak Realty's offices at 1891 Solano Ave. in Berkeley on Fri., Oct. 10 from 7 to 9 p.m. To enjoy a sample of her work without

leaving home, log onto Red Oak Realty's Web site: www.redoakrealty.com. Call 527-3387 for more information.

The nonprofit Building Education Center (BEC), 812 Page St., Berkeley is the place to start your dream home or to start turning your home into a dream. On Sat., Oct. 11 the center presents **Christie Jones of Faux Works' Faux Finishes Hands-On** and contractor John Reed will teach **Estimating the Cost of Labor and Materials**. Join mechanical genius Paul Allen's workshop **Basic Home Repair and Improvement** on Sun. Oct. 12. Architect and writer John Ploss will be on hand Wed., Oct. 15 with **Preconstruction: An Overview of the Design and Planning Process**. Call BEC at 525-7610 for more information.

Orchard Nursery of Lafayette invites you to its **Harvest Festival: An Artful Gathering**. On Sat., Oct. 11, shop the "Artists Market," learn the beauty of bows with "Bow Magic" and see just how to "Plant for Success." On Sun., Oct. 12, get some tips on how to "Stay Healthy This Winter" and see how to "Create a Backyard Habitat." Orchard Nursery is located at 4010 Mt. Diablo Blvd. in Lafayette. Call Orchard at 284-4474 for more information.

Orchard Nursery of Lafayette will host a demonstration of the old-time American skill of **Hammock Weaving** from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sat., Oct. 11 at 4010 Mt.

Diablo Blvd. in Lafayette. The Original Pawleys Island Rope Company will present this very special skill during Orchard's annual Harvest Festival, which runs every weekend from Sept. 27 through Halloween. Call 284-4474 for more information.

Architect Deborah Lane and Certified Remodeler Paul Winans invite you to attend their free workshop **Remodeling and Additions: What You Need to Know**. Learn to maximize the value and rewards of your project while minimizing unnecessary cost and frustration. This demonstration will be held from 7 to 10 p.m., Tues., Oct. 14 at the Rockridge Branch Library, 5366 College Ave. in Oakland. Call 597-5017 for more information.

Cal Fed presents a series of free **Brown Bag Lunch Time Home Buyer Seminars**. The seminars are held the third Fri. of each month. The dynamic Nate Brooks of RE/MAX in Motion will present **Seven Powerful Strategies to Save Thousands When Buying a House**, 12:10 p.m., Fri., Oct. 17 at Cal Fed, 1325 Broadway in Oakland. These seminars will teach you the exact steps you'll need to protect yourself when buying a home. Call Gary Robinson at 530-4789 or Ivory Hart at 834-3392 for more information.

Harvest Festival invites you to enjoy high quality American arts and crafts by attending the **Harvest Festival Showcase**, noon to 7 p.m., Fri., Oct. 17; 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Sat. Oct. 18; and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sun.,

Oct. 19 at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton. Colorfully costumed exhibitors will offer traditional and contemporary items for sale including woodcarving, jewelry, ceramics and pottery. Enjoy continuous stage shows and strolling entertainment. Tickets are \$7. Seniors, \$6 and children ages 6 to 12 \$3.50. Children under 6 are free. To reach the fairgrounds, take Interstate 680 to the Bernal Ave. exit, head east toward Pleasanton and follow the signs. Call (707) 778-6300 for more information.

The Alameda County Waste Management Authority presents a free **Basic Compost Workshop**, 10 a.m. to noon, Sat. Oct. 18 (rain or shine) at the Oakland Compost Demonstration Garden, 666 Bellevue Ave. in Lakeside Park, adjacent to the Garden Center Building in Oakland. Learn how to compost yard and kitchen waste and transform trash into fertilizer. Call 444-SOIL for more information.

The Redwood Day School presents the **Art Loft Show**, an open-studio loft tour with a juried fine arts and crafts exhibition and sale 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sun., Oct. 19. In addition to former governor Jerry Brown's studio, the tour will include the 5,000-square-foot private residence atop the landmark American Bag Company and the 39-unit Exchange Studios with its 9,000-square-foot Renaissance garden. Tickets are available at Pizzeria Uno at Jack London Square, the Art Loft frame shop and The GRUBB Co. real estate office in Montclair. Tick-

ets are also available by calling 534-0800.

The Flower Committee of the Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco presents an **Exhibition of Table Decor**, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Tues., Oct. 21 at the M.H. de Young Memorial Museum in San Francisco's Golden Gate Park. Enjoy decor by Argenteum, Lacies, Madison Park, Orchard Nursery of Lafayette and others. Tickets to the exhibit are \$10; tickets to the reception and luncheon cost \$35. Tickets include same-day admission to the **Masters of Light: Dutch Painters in Utrecht during the Golden Age** at the California Palace Legion of Honor. Proceeds benefit the Flower Fund. Call (415) 750-3636 for more information.

CoHousing, the journal of the CoHousing Network, invites you to become acquainted with the unique concept of cohousing at a **Cohousing Slide Show** 7 p.m., Wed., Oct. 22 at the CoHousing Company, 1250 Addison St. in Berkeley. Learn about this housing concept that combines completely equipped private homes with an overall design that supports an old-fashioned sense of community. For more information call 549-9980.

Chicago Title Company invites you to architectural historian Mark Wilson's seminar **Historic Home Interiors** 12:30 to 4 p.m., Fri., Oct. 24 at the Montclair Tennis Club. Call 527-2453 for more information.

Members of the Berkeley Association of Realtors Homeless Committee will host the **Annual Give for Treat Night** 7 p.m., Thurs., Oct. 30 at the Berkeley Association of Realtors, 1400 Martin Luther King Jr. Way in Berkeley. Admission to this meal, bag of usable clothing, canned food or a cash donation. The event will feature door prizes and a silent auction.

The Alameda County Waste Management Authority presents a free **Worm Composting Workshop**, 10 a.m. to noon, Sat. Oct. 18 (rain or shine) at the Oakland Compost Demonstration Garden, 666 Bellevue Ave. in Lakeside Park, adjacent to the Garden Center Building in Oakland. Learn how to compost yard and kitchen waste and transform trash into fertilizer. Call 444-SOIL for more information.

Join the Orchid Society of California in a celebration of its 50th anniversary. The society will host a free **Orchid Show and Sale**, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sat. and Sun. Nov. 8-9 at the Lakeside Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Ave. in Oakland's Lakeside Park. Notable orchid societies will sell a great variety of orchids and will have plants on hand to accommodate orchid lovers the novice to the discerning collector. Enjoy magnificent displays with exotic orchids. Call 421-1210 for more information.

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YOUR WEEKEND GUIDE OPEN HOMES

OAKLAND Open Sunday 2-4:30 pm

- 1474 GRANDVIEW, Claremont Hills 3+/3+, gorgeous kit/fam combo \$895,000
Pacific Union, Dick Cohen 339-6460
- 217 GRAVATT DR, Claremont Hills 4+/3+, 3-bridge vw, decks, yd \$839,000
Pacific Union, Vicki Woodhead 339-6460
- 1600 GRANDVIEW DR, Claremont Hills 3/2+, sweeping 3-bridge vw \$795,000
Pacific Union, Kathleen Callahan 339-6460
- 33 NORTH HILL Ct, Fab '95 prairie style, 4 1/2, FDR, ofc, cul-de-sac \$779,000
Wells & Bennett, Peter Nicolopoulos 339-9780
- 24 NORTH HILL Ct, Claremont Hills 5/4 all level 2yr old, pano view \$749,000
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Michelle Vasey 644-5470
- 6205 MATHIEU, Rockridge 4bd/3+ba, new, open floor plan, lg yard \$729,000
Pacific Union, Teri Carlisle 339-6460
- 5350 BACON RD, Private hilltop 2.85 ac, 3/2 + fam rm, poolhouse \$685,000
Wells & Bennett, Noll Davis 531-9536
- 2215 BYWOOD DR, Oakmore, 6bd/4ba, charming & elegant, decks \$679,000
Pacific Union, Michelle Miller 339-6460
- 1098 AMITO, Claremont Hills, nw custom 4+/3+, bay vws, mstr w/frpl \$639,000
Pacific Union, Dee Knowland 339-6460
- 6287 BUENA VISTA, Rockridge, newly built 4/3, exceptional finishes \$599,000
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, David Ichikawa 547-8978
- 6001 BUENA VISTA, Upr Rockridge, lovely 4bd/2+ba, bay view \$599,000
Montclair Better Homes Realty 339-8400
- 1055 AQUARIUS WAY, New construction! 4+bd/2+ba w/view \$599,000
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Rosalie Marshall 644-5442
- 5910 MARIE WY (xSt Chabot Rd) Rockridge, nwly built 4/2+, hwdws \$595,000
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Marlene Daniels 547-8978
- 6039 GLENARMS, 1st open! transformed interior! 4+3, yd, bay vw \$559,000
Coldwell Banker, Evelyn Walker 339-1174
- 6201 ACACIA Av, Price reduced! 4/3, nw spac. Tudor. Level-in, pano \$559,000
Hills vw, 3 decks, 3pr, mstr suite, study. Prime location. Agt/Richard 559-9134
- 5560 COUNTRY CLUB DR, Claremont Pines, 3/2+, sunny/stylish \$539,500
The GRUBB Company, James Garcia 339-0400
- 6173 GIRVIN DR, Montclair, elegance w/a view! 4/3, huge kit/fam rm \$529,000
Coldwell Banker, Terry Kulka 339-1174
- 40 LARRY LN, Montclair, architect designed 5+3 on double lot \$519,000
Pacific Union, Robyn Mohr 339-6460
- 5925 WESTOVER, Montclair, 3+2/2, vws, decks, chefs kit, 3 frpl \$519,000
The GRUBB Company, Nancy Rothman 339-0400
- 6700 GUNN DR, Elegant, new trad'l, 5bd/4ba, woodsy, nr village \$499,000
Wells & Bennett, Carolyn Craig 357-7772
- 3015 BURDECK DR, Custom 3/2+, over 1/2 acre, pool, spa, bay vws \$486,000
The GRUBB Company, Linda McClain 339-0400
- 5780 BALMORAL, Hillcrest Estates, 3+bd/2ba, upgrades, EZ living \$479,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Ruth Bittman 869-4201
- 27 BELL WAYER WAY, Hillcrest Highlands, custom 3bd/2+ba, \$479,000
mostly level, 3 frpl, spa, sauna, pvt. Reduced \$96K Taboloff & Co. 482-6080
Margo Brady 482-6080
- 6865 OAKWOOD DR, Montclair, 4bd/3+ba bright contemp, cyn vw \$469,000
Pacific Union, Robyn Mohr 339-6460
- 34 OVAL RD, Montclair, 3/2 trad'l on huge lot, decks, great garden \$459,000
The GRUBB Company, Marilyn Watson 339-0400
- 6008 RIDGEMONT DR, 2+bd/2+ba, hot tub, 3 garages, fab view! \$449,000
Cornish & Carey, Jan Neff 339-8900
- 7335 SARONI DR, Montclair retreat w/deck & hot tub, 3/3 & loft \$449,000
Coldwell Banker, Judy Maher 339-1174
- 868 TRESTLE GLEN, Beautiful upgraded 3/2+, dbl lot, \$reduced! \$445,000
Gadsby & Associates, Abby 748-5300
- 35 BAY FOREST CT, 4bd/3+ba, brand new construction, views, lg \$444,900
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- 1496 TRESTLE GLEN, Crocker Highlands, beautifully remodeled 4bd/3.5ba, bonus room, decks, large basement. Bright & sunny. Eb (Owner) 702-261-5090 OPEN SUNDAY 12-4:30

- 7032 SAYRE Dr, Montclair, 2 bldgs for the price of 1. Remod 4/2 \$434,000
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- 829 TRESTLE GLEN, Crocker, 5 1/2+ trad, dbl lot, creekside, greenhs \$429,000
Coldwell Banker, Dian Hymer 339-1174
- 7188 SAYRE DR, Montclair, 3bd/2ba contemporary, garden hot tub \$419,000
Coldwell Banker, Ellen Lancaster 339-1174
- 310 CREIGHTON, Unique, lg, open 5bd/3ba contemporary! views! \$419,000
Wells & Bennett, Barbara Roessler 531-7000 X264
- 19 HAWKS HILL, Hiller Highlands, 3bd/2ba w/5-bridge vw, upgrades \$410,000
Mason-McDuffie 845-0211, Claire Cunningham 644-5434
- 19 HAWKS HILL, Hiller Highlands, 5-bridge view! upgrades, 3bd/2b \$410,000
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- 8201 SKYLINE CIR, Bayview in Oakland Hills, 3 & 4bds w/2+ba \$300,000+
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- 4622 REDWOOD RD, Lower Ridgmont, 3bd/2+ba pano view villa \$399,000
Cornish & Carey, D. C. Hodges 531-7667
- 21 CAPTAINS COVE, Hiller Highlands, upgraded 4/4, hwdws, SF vw \$395,000
Coldwell Banker, Olive Hammer 339-1174
- 1941 GOULDIN RD, Montclair, woodsy serene setting, 4bd/3ba \$369,000
The GRUBB Company, Helen Buty 339-0400
- 2024 DRAKE DR, Montclair, 3/2+, updt kit, guest/ofc w/sep entry \$369,000
The GRUBB Company, Judy Frankkan 339-0400
- 3901 OAKMORE, 4+bd/3ba, new listing! 2 frpl, hwdws, FDR, gardn \$369,000
Cornish & Carey, Victor Fierro 832-4339
- 3350 BRUNELL DR, Oakland Hills 4/3 w/in-law on 1/2 acre, bay vws \$359,000
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Jeffery Himmel 644-5464
- 5851 SNAKE RD, Montclair, 4bd/3ba, big, sunny, move in condition \$354,000
Cornish & Carey, Nick Lavrov 525-2727
- 2025 BRAEMAR RD, 4/3 Upr Oakmore, frml floor plan, family room \$349,500
Coldwell Banker, Fritz Hochellner 339-1174
- 2269 MASTLANDS, Montclair, 4/3, place for parents/office/share \$339,000
Montclair Better Homes Realty 339-8400
- 15 BARNER PL, Lincoln Hts, 3/1+, 1st open! bay view, cul-de-sac \$329,000
Cornish & Carey, Carin Carce 339-8900 SUNDAY 2-5
- 2925 CARLSEN ST, Lincoln Hts, big 3bd/2ba, fab view, charm! \$329,000
Cornish & Carey, Rachel Baller 530-3860
- 4106 OAKMORE RD, 4bd/2ba, plus rm, EIK, FDR, level yd, wkshop \$329,000
Wells & Bennett, Patsy Buhler 531-7000 X238
- 5827 CLOVER DR, Rockridge charm, 2+1+ Normandy, +rm, garden \$329,000
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- 6150 BULLARD, Montclair, 1st open! 3bd/3ba custom ranch \$329,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Gene Boomer 869-4202
- 45 OAK HILL CIRCLE, Oakland Hills 4+bd/3ba, level in/out, yard \$325,000
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Sherri Oakley 644-5424
- 72 SCHOONER HILL, Hiller Highlands, 3/2+ spacious bright end unit \$325,000
Mason-McDuffie 845-0211, Gayle Tantau 899-9409
- 5821 MORPETH ST, Rockridge, charming English 2bd, FDR, nw kit \$319,000
The GRUBB Company, Bettina Balestrieri 339-0400
- 6879 BRISTOL DR, Sunfilled 3/2 w/dramatic open flr plan, hm office \$315,000
The GRUBB Company, James Garcia 339-0400
- 6050 SKYLINE BL, Montclair, 2+1/2+, patio, 2-car garage, bay vws \$310,000
The GRUBB Company, Sheila Gallagher 339-0400
- 4451 VIEW PL, Rockridge, corner Pleasant Valley & Montgomery. \$299,000
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High \$200,000's
- 1536 WELLINGTON, Glenview, 2/2 w/loft, pvt gdn/patio, curb appeal \$299,850
Coldwell Banker, Ruby Ng 339-1174
- 2901 CARLSEN ST, Lincoln Hts, 3/2+, pano vw, major yd, 2 frpl \$299,000
Cornish & Carey, Rachel Baller 530-3860
- 4359 TERRABELLA PL, Redwood Rd, 3/2 w/a view, move right in! \$299,000
The GRUBB Company, Mavis Delacoro 339-0400
- 4700 GERANIUM PL, Redwood Hts, 5bd/3ba, level-in, decks, yd \$299,000
Pacific Union, Diane E. McCan 339-6460

- 479 CAVOUR, Rockridge, 2bd + art studio \$269,990
Coldwell Banker, Jerry Hatch 486-1495 SUNDAY 2-4
- 5559 TAFT AVE, Rockridge, charming 2/1 craftsman, hwdw, grt yd \$265,000
Pacific Union, Donna DeBardi 339-6460
- 582 WALAVISTA AVE, Lakeshore, 4bd/2ba w/potential, grand trad! \$265,000
Cornish & Carey, Lyn Murray 339-8900 X227
- 6233 THORNHILL DR, Charming chalet! pristine 2+1/1, move in! \$279,990
Mason-McDuffie 845-0211, Wendy Yee 849-5302
- 70 MAIDEN LN, Lincoln Hts 3/2, new listing! hwdws, fam rm, pvt yd \$275,000
Pacific Union, Kathy Flynn 339-6460
- 830 CREED RD, Crocker, 3/1, adorable bungalow w/potential, lg yd \$275,000
Pacific Union, Dee Knowland 339-6460
- 705 SANTA RAY, Crocker, updt 4/2, formal LR/DR, rumpus, lg yd \$274,000
The GRUBB Company, John Karmay 339-0400
- 4638 DOLORES AVE, Spacious 3bd/3ba, rumpus, remod kit/baths \$273,900
Wells & Bennett, Nancy Novick 482-2392
- 1750 ARROWHEAD DR, 3bd/2+ba, level patio, hwdws, att'd garage \$269,000
Cornish & Carey, Hal Castle 339-9778
- 5680 ESTATES DR, Upper Rockridge, 2+bd/2ba, perfectly private \$269,990
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- 4530 CLAREWOOD DR, Rockridge, 2bd/2+ba large choice twrns \$259,500
Cornish & Carey, Carol Cohen 339-8900
- 6444 ASCOT DR, Montclair, 2/1 updt starter, new listing! nw deck \$249,000
Pacific Union, Kirk Phillips 339-6460
- 4014 WOODRUFF AV, Glenview, beautiful 3bd/3ba, value! move in \$249,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Mary Dresser 869-4224
- 5744 GRISBORNE, Montclair, 1+bd/1+ba charmer, sep studio/office \$249,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Howard Converse 869-4212
- 3779 LAKESHORE, Crocker, new listing! charming sunny 2bd/1ba \$249,000
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Mary Hanna 644-5432
- 4138 COOLIDGE AVE, Reduced! grt buy! 2/2 pvt retreat, hwdw, patio \$245,900
Wells & Bennett, Don Dunning 482-2256
- 4351 TOWNSEND AVE, Glenview, 3bd, just reduced! great space! \$239,000
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Martine Erickson 644-5482
- 3277 MADELINE, 2/1 bright trad'l, deck for dining! garden's paradise \$239,000
Wells & Bennett, Katie Meadow 482-3576
- 4292 PARK BL, Glenview, 3bd, 2-story w/lots of potential \$239,000
Mason-McDuffie 834-2010, Terri Ingram 835-6193
- 1294 HOLMAN RD, Crocker, charming spacious 2/1, FDR, frpl, bsmt \$235,000
Cornish & Carey, Helen Nicholas 339-8900
- 3707 VIRDEN, Pano vw Mt Tan/SF, 3-level 3/2 Med, FDR, frpl, wkshop \$229,000
Harbor Bay Realty, Martha Turner 814-4828 SUNDAY 2-4
- 4076 WHITTE, Upper Dimond, 3+bd/1+ba, hwdws, updt kit/baths \$229,000
Pacific Union, Michelle Miller 339-6460
- 1443 EXCELSIOR, Glenview, 2/1, nw kit/hw roof, ready to move in! \$219,990
Montclair Better Homes Realty 339-8400
- 6239 LEONA ST, Mini estate w/pool, private drive, 3bd/1+ba \$219,500
Gadsby & Associates, Joe 748-5300
- 200 LAKESIDE #403, 3/2 w/elegant entry, hwdws, frpl, nice details \$219,000
Pacific Union, Lee Jacobson 339-6460
- 3829 PARK BL, Glenview, 3bd/2ba, come see, grt for entertaining \$219,000
Gadsby & Associates, Millie 748-5300
- 4247 KNOLL, Leona Heights, 3bd/2+ba, privacy and income \$219,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Gene Boomer 869-4202
- 3812 HARBOR VIEW, 2bd/hdws, brkfst nk, bay vw, garden, patio \$218,000
Coldwell Banker, Joan Alfors 339-1174
- 1808 PLEASANT VALLEY, Charming art deco 2/1, 2-street frontage \$204,000
Cornish & Carey, Ken Ferrell 814-9036
- 652 62ND STREET, 3bd/2ba, spacious, clean, & lovely! \$199,990
Mason-McDuffie 834-2010, Demetrius 869-3740
- 4006 BRIGHTON, 2bd/1ba, formal dining room, access to rear \$199,000
Annunziato & Assoc. Realtors 895-0800
- 4601 MOUNTAIN BLVD, Leona Hts 2/1+ ranch charmer, level lot \$190,000
Gallagher & Lindsey, Sharon Greene 523-9421 SUNDAY 2-4

Beginning Oct. 24, the Open Home Guide will also run each Friday in The Piedmonter. The rate for an Open Home Guide listing will be \$23.00. All ads will run Thursdays in the Berkeley Voice and The Journal, and Fridays in The Montclairion and Piedmonter. Deadline is 11:00am Wednesdays. Call 339-4046.

Area Home Sales

ALAMEDA		EMERYVILLE		5434 Broadway - \$260,000		685 11th St. - \$109,000		HIGHEST PRICE: \$415,000		LOWEST PRICE: \$595,000	
17 Baywood Rd. - \$236,000		6363 Christie 1606 - \$265,000		3937 Buena Vista - \$625,000		3035 Colette Dr. - \$135,000		AVERAGE PRICE: \$219,937		HIGHEST PRICE: \$850,000	
11 Cola Ballena - \$369,000		6363 Christie #2821 - \$112,500		4080 Carson St. - \$184,500		3138 Fairmede Dr. - \$86,000		BERKELEY		AVERAGE PRICE: \$722,500	
21 Eclipse Court - \$265,000		KENSINGTON		54 Chatsworth Court - \$265,000		2421 Lowell Ave. - \$152,000		TOTAL SALES: 16		RICHMOND	
2 Sable Pointe Pt. - \$338,000		113 Ardmore Rd. - \$295,000		5210 Clewford Dr. - \$436,000		112 Park Lane - \$92,500		LOWEST PRICE: \$106,000		TOTAL SALES: 7	
999 San Antonio Ave. - \$130,000		174 Ardmore Rd. - \$266,000		6912 Colton - \$347,000		2515 Rheem Ave. - \$98,000		HIGHEST PRICE: \$605,000		LOWEST PRICE: \$85,000	
2001 Santa Clara - \$361,000		226 Arlington Ave. - \$265,000		2927 East 19th St. - \$133,000		2202 Visalia Ave. - \$85,000		AVERAGE PRICE: \$295,343		HIGHEST PRICE: \$152,000	
15 St. Charles St. - \$168,000		64 Avon Rd. - \$235,000		4737 Fairfax Ave. - \$100,000		SAN LEANDRO		EL CERRITO		AVERAGE PRICE: \$108,214.29	
22 Sweet Rd. - \$376,500		309 Berkeley Park - \$210,000		4340 Fleming Ave. - \$136,500		1553 138th Ave. - \$152,000		TOTAL SALES: 2		SAN LEANDRO	
1007 Verdemar Dr. - \$170,500		247 Cambridge Ave. - \$268,000		4541 Fleming Ave. - \$159,000		1310 Breckenridge - \$207,000		LOWEST PRICE: \$236,000		TOTAL SALES: 11	
1807 Wood St. - \$160,000		359 Colusa Ave. - \$220,000		988 Franklin St. #811 - \$129,000		1132 Carpentier #210 - \$99,000		HIGHEST PRICE: \$257,500		LOWEST PRICE: \$99,000	
ALBANY		344 Coventry Rd. - \$225,000		6355 Girvin Dr. - \$300,000		1289 Dutton Ave. - \$146,000		AVERAGE PRICE: \$246,750		HIGHEST PRICE: \$152,000	
919 Buchanan St. - \$165,000		387 Coventry Rd. - \$288,500		1006 Glendora Ave. - \$215,000		777 Joaquin Ave. - \$196,000		EL SOBRANTE		AVERAGE PRICE: \$168,954	
10 Key Route - \$123,500		19 Cowper Ave. - \$243,000		152 Glenwood Glade - \$280,000		504 Lewis Ave. - \$194,000		TOTAL SALES: 3		SAN LORENZO	
117 Peralta Ave. - \$275,000		35 Franciscan Way - \$257,000		534 Henry St. - \$90,000		272 Lorraine - \$176,000		LOWEST PRICE: \$95,000		TOTAL SALES: 4	
555 Pierce St. #439 - \$96,000		28 Highgate Court - \$405,000		4247 Lake Shore - \$300,000		1257 Seeley St. - \$163,000		HIGHEST PRICE: \$220,000		LOWEST PRICE: \$117,000	
117 Spokane Ave. - \$415,000		9 Highgate Court - \$465,000		1555 Lakeside Dr. - \$158,000		15100 Shining Star - \$257,500		AVERAGE PRICE: \$161,333		HIGHEST PRICE: \$214,000	
127 Spokane Ave. - \$231,000		39 Highgate Rd. - \$300,000		3628 Laurel Ave. - \$117,000		504 Thornton St. - \$129,000		EMERYVILLE		AVERAGE PRICE: \$171,625	
148 Stannage Ave. #9 - \$125,000		22 Kerr Ave. - \$512,000		9125 Lawlor St. - \$163,500		1433 Timothy Dr. - \$139,000		TOTAL SALES: 2		<i>This list was compiled for publication in the Hills Newspapers by TitleTech of Oakland which obtains weekly records from the county recorder's office.</i>	
146 Taylor St. - \$329,000		295 Lake Rd. - \$260,000		2901 MacArthur #103 - \$103,000		SAN LORENZO		LOWEST PRICE: \$112,500		<i>Neither company guarantees accuracy or completeness of the information. Sales prices are estimated based upon applicable county transfer taxes.</i>	
BERKELEY		26 Lenox Rd. - \$392,000		4840 MacArthur - \$130,000		1709 Bockman Rd. - \$214,000		HIGHEST PRICE: \$265,000		<i>All questions regarding this information and any requests for additional listings and services provided by TitleTech should be directed to Bud Gorham at 568-7233.</i>	
3023 Benvenue Ave. - \$500,000		51 Norwood Ave. - \$292,500		5249 Manila Ave. - \$244,000		185 Loma Verde Dr. - \$117,000		AVERAGE PRICE: \$188,750			
203 Glen Ave. - \$312,500		421 Ocean View Ave. - \$249,000		10600 Mark St. - \$143,000		15957 Via Cordoba - \$179,000		KENSINGTON			
2126 Grant St. - \$262,000		608 Plateau Dr. - \$302,000		2830 Maxwell Ave. - \$159,000		1078 Via Enrico - \$176,500		TOTAL SALES: 29			
1425 Grizzly Peak - \$442,000		218 Purdue Ave. - \$217,000		51 Melvin Court - \$320,000		SALES STATS BY CITY		LOWEST PRICE: \$210,000			
176 Hilldale Ave. - \$249,000		100 Rincon Rd. - \$701,000		5355 Miles Ave. - \$305,000		ALAMEDA		HIGHEST PRICE: \$875,000			
1630 McGee Ave. - \$259,000		57 Stratford Rd. - \$315,000		1824 Mountain - \$102,000		TOTAL SALES: 10		AVERAGE PRICE: \$334,241			
1011 Miller Ave. - \$302,000		320 Vassar Ave. - \$221,500		5629 Ocean View Dr. - \$252,000		LOWEST PRICE: \$130,000		OAKLAND			
1333 Milvia St. #A - \$205,000		7 Westminster Ave. - \$305,500		2429 Palmetto St. - \$158,000		HIGHEST PRICE: \$376,500		TOTAL SALES: 52			
1427 Parker St. - \$106,000		233 Yale Ave. - \$382,500		3228 Park - \$155,000		AVERAGE PRICE: \$257,400		LOWEST PRICE: \$87,000			
2915 Piedmont Ave. - \$605,000		300 Yale Ave. - \$360,000		230 Park View Ave. - \$398,000		ALBANY		HIGHEST PRICE: \$625,000			
2146 Russell St. - \$235,000		444 Yale Ave. - \$875,000		3806 Patterson Ave. - \$105,000		TOTAL SALES: 8		AVERAGE PRICE: \$222,028			
2733 Sacramento St. - \$125,000		148 York Ave. - \$365,500		5369 Princeton St. - \$88,000		LOWEST PRICE: \$96,000		PIEDMONT			
1500 Stannage Ave. - \$262,000		OAKLAND		4670 Redwood Rd. - \$385,000							
170 Tulare Ave. - \$300,000		1822 104th Ave. - \$95,000		25 Schooner Hill - \$348,000							
1619 Tyler St. - \$191,000		1639 11th St. - \$95,000		2106 Seminary Ave. - \$87,000							
2629 Woolsey St. - \$370,000		1045 53rd St. - \$111,000		2 Sereno Circle - \$230,000							
EL CERRITO		1817 55th Ave. - \$119,500		6085 Skyline - \$400,000							
2419 Potrero Ave. - \$257,500		437 63rd St. - \$250,000		1295 Sunnyhills Rd. - \$604,000							
1440 Potrero Ave. - \$236,000		2520 8th Ave. - \$195,000		3170 Texas St. - \$97,000							
EL SOBRANTE		1 Alida Court - \$247,000		1228 Willow St. - \$123,000							
1102 Garden Rd. - \$169,000		1397 Allman St. - \$188,000		PIEDMONT							
610 Lois Lane - \$95,000		2181 Andrews St. - \$348,000		237 Park View Ave. - \$595,000							
4926 Wagon Wheel Way - \$220,000		5900 Ascot Dr. - \$370,000		9 Wyngaard Ave. - \$850,000							
		262 Athol Ave. - \$192,500		RICHMOND							

Events

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nounces Charles Patton's free 203(k) mortgage workshop **Rehabilitate for Profit or Equity with a Proven Product**. The workshop, which will show you how to use the 203(k) loan program to purchase,

renovate and resell property in a short time, is held on an ongoing basis. Call (800) 801-1320, ext. 240 for times and places in your area.

For inclusion in Events, send

information to Dennis Evanovsky, Real Estate Editor, Hills Newspapers, 5707 Redwood Rd., Oakland, 94619. Phone: 339-4047, Fax: 339-4066.

Information must be received one week prior to publication.

YOUR WEEKEND GUIDE TO OPEN HOMES

2556 CARMEL ST, Lincoln Hts, delightful 2bd/1ba hm & office! Mason-McDuffie 834-2010, Adrienne Nash 763-4060	\$187,000	26 EL CAMINO REAL, Majestic 1921 colonial, sun rm, bay vw, 4/3 Templeton Company, Mary Montali 652-2133 X132 SUNDAY 2-4	\$719,000	1313 BREWSTER, Stunning 3+bd/3ba, gourmet kit, lg deck, GG wvl \$450,000 Marvin Gardens RE 527-9111, Mary Gray 466-5843 SUNDAY 2-4	\$450,000
3020 SHEFFIELD, 1st open! Large FDR, lg bsmt, retrofitting Coldwell Banker, Jack Brenneman 339-1174	\$182,000	2915 AVALON AVE, Opportunity/buy & restore a gem! 4 3/4 + studio The GRUBB Company, Melitta Beeson 339-0400	\$599,000	7991 TERRACE AVE, Pretty 4bd/2ba with huge garden! Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Erika Celestre 658-3727 SUNDAY 2-4:30	\$325,000
5335 BROADWAY TER #101, Upper Rockridge, 2bd/2ba, location! Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Gene Boomer 869-4202	\$179,000	202 HILLCREST RD, Comfortable Claremont home! 5bd/3ba Mason-McDuffie 845-0211, Julie Lehman Buttnar 849-2092	\$595,000	853 NORVELL ST, 4bd/2ba, 1472sf, oversized 2-car gar & wkshop Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X112 SUNDAY 2-4	\$239,950
3708 RHODA AVE, Laurel, above MacArthur, 2+bdrms, recently painted inside, natural wdwk adds to charm! Valva RE, Mike Bresso 451-7317	\$175,000	922 SANTA BARBARA, New listing! pano vwsl 3/3, study, fam room Templeton Company, Susie Schevill 652-2133 X144 SUNDAY 2-5	\$549,000	6457 HAGEN, Beautiful bay view! 3bd/2ba, del'd studio, 2-car garage Marvin Gardens RE 527-9111, Mary Gray 466-5843 SUNDAY 2-4	\$219,000
525 MONTE VISTA #19, Desirable condol 2/2 top flr, small complex Coldwell Banker, Donna Conroy 339-1174	\$169,500	417 SPRUCE, 3bdm home with separate studi! EZ living Templeton Company, Bebe McRae 652-2133 X145 SUNDAY 2-4	\$499,000	KENSINGTON Open Sunday	
472 CAVOUR, Rockridge, 3bd/1 1/2ba, sunny, hwdws floors, yd, deck Mason-McDuffie, Darrin Tinsley 834-2010	\$169,000	927 KEELER, 4bd/3ba Coldwell Banker, Tina Ensign 486-1495 SUNDAY 2-4	\$469,000	250 AMHERST, Charming 4+1/3, upgraded kit w/deck, vws, "as is" Templeton Company, Anne Van Dyke 652-2133 X137 SUNDAY 2-4	\$408,000
472 CAVOUR, Rockridge, best buy! 3bd, hwdws, sunny & clean Mason-McDuffie 834-2010, Richard Matus 287-2501	\$169,000	60 HAZEL RD, Claremont, 3bd/1 1/2ba, nwly refurbished, creekside Montclair Better Homes Realty 339-8400	\$437,000	258 YALE, Kensington, 4bd/3 1/2ba Coldwell Banker, Cheryl Cahn 486-1495 SUNDAY 2-4	\$289,000
2540 POTOMAC, 2bd/1ba, sunny, big yard, great area. Bigger than it looks! Chang & Hardeman, Ramona Chang 428-3800	\$159,900	315 VERMONT AVE, 3+bd/2ba Brown Shingle on cul-de-sac Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, David Otero 869-4239	\$389,000	ORINDA Open Sunday	
3545 LAGUNA, 2bd/1ba craftsman w/built in Hutch. Lovely garden! Chang & Hardeman, Ramona Chang 428-3800	\$159,000	3130 CLAREMONT, Berkeley 3+ +bd/1+1ba Coldwell Banker, Candace Hyde-Wang 486-1495 SUNDAY 2-4	\$385,000	1 LOMAS CONTADAS, 4bd/3ba, smashing contemporary w/views! Better Homes 284-9500, Mike Wong 376-7633 SUNDAY 1-4	\$648,000
5610 DOVER, North Oakland, 2bd/1ba Coldwell Banker, Barbara Marienthal 486-1495 SUNDAY 2-4	\$159,000	1568 CAMPUS DR, Berkeley Hills, spacious 3bd/3ba, view, decks Mason-McDuffie 834-2010, Frank Nijenkamp 433-9998	\$379,000	PIEDMONT Open Sunday 2-4:30 pm	
3948 FRUITVALE AVE, 2/1 charming bungalow, lg deck, grt value! Pacific Union, Tom Anthony 339-6460	\$159,000	2636 STUART ST, In the Heart of Elmhwood. 4bd/1 1/2 w/beautiful LR Realty Advocates 428-0757 SUNDAY 3-5	\$359,000	207 ESTATES DR, 5/3+ tudor, custom kitchen, rec rm, gardens Pacific Union, Rosalie Woods 339-6460	\$1,195,000
5005 CLARKE ST, Temescal 2/1 Victorian condol/cottage, potential Pacific Union, Rich Gould 339-6460	\$143,000	2006 PARKER, 1905 Brown shingle duplex beautiful bike to campus Montclair Better Homes Realty 339-8400	\$359,000	160 WOODLAND WAY, Gracious tudor w/pool, 4/4 1/2 (mstr w/frpl) The GRUBB Company, Kurt Buchholz 339-6460	\$1,059,000
3829 OPAL ST, Temescal, 3+bd/2ba, used as duplex, potential Comish & Carey, Anida Weyl 339-8900	\$142,000	999 SPRUCE, Nc, Berkeley Hills, dreamy 2+bd, pano ocean vws Mason-McDuffie, Lisa Friedman 834-2010	\$349,000	27 KING AVE, Phyllis Sanjour Med, 3+bd/3ba, solarium, sep.apuair Coldwell Banker, Unique Milenbach 339-1174	\$875,000
3721 FRUITVALE #B, 2bd/2+ba lovely twnmh, frpl, laundry, garage Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Erik Johnson 869-4246	\$139,000	1933 BERRYMAN, 4bd + cottage Coldwell Banker, Dave Moss 486-1495 SUNDAY 2-4	\$349,000	209 HILLSIDE AVE, Sunny 3+bd/3 1/2ba trad'l, updt'd kit, gardens The GRUBB Company, Susanne Paul 339-0400	\$849,000
851 45TH STREET, North Oakland, 2/1 starter, move in condition! Gadsby & Associates, Margaret 748-5300	\$127,000	1119 FRESNO, Craftsman bungalow, 3/2, Original built-ins with beautiful glass doors. Millstein RE Broker, Elita Concus 527-0211	\$339,000	911 MORAGA AVE, 1-of-a-kind Millhouse replica, dbl lot, w/guest hs The GRUBB Company, Jean Simmons 339-0400	\$749,000
4129F PENNIMAN CT, 2 bedrooms Pinetti & Company, Roger 568-6171	\$118,900	73 MENLO PL, 2bd/2+ba, enchanting setting, cathedral ceiling in LR Pacific Union, Joanna Gould 339-6460	\$319,000	151 SANDRINGHAM RD, 1930's 4/3 1/2 Spanish colonial, tpical grdn The GRUBB Company, Mavis Delacroix 339-0400	\$749,000
4615 YGNACIO AVE, Melrose, 2/1, xint buyt grt for 1st time buyers Montclair Better Homes Realty 339-4000	\$118,000	660 EUCLID, 2bd/2ba Coldwell Banker, Holly Rose 486-1495 SUNDAY 2-4	\$299,000	121 MONTICELLO AVE, 3+2 1/2 charming trad'l. Gourmet EIK, bsmt, study, fam rm. Bright/airy. Best area. Coldwell, Jenilyn 547-1615	\$749,000
1209 E.18TH, 3bd/1 1/2ba Victorian fixer, most work done, frpl, yard Mason-McDuffie 834-2010, Susan Casqueiro 286-7571	\$79,000	2008 WOOLSEY, Pvt sylvan oasis nr BARTI Big 3bd, 2 lots! Rare! Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X209 SUNDAY 2-5	\$298,000	10 BLAIR PI, Front brick court/yd/garden. 4/2, 2 fpl, 2+ms w/alcoves Coldwell Banker, Karen Lun 339-1174	\$650,000
750 OAKLAND AVE #304, 1bd/1ba large clean condol. By Owner 653-7069, Brickers Welcome.	\$97,000	1420-22 HENRY ST, Duplex near Walnut Square, big yd, come see! Templeton Company, Leslie Easterday 652-2133 X134 SUNDAY 2-4	\$289,000	131 RICARDO AVE, 3bd/2+ba updt'd trad'l, new listing! grt value! Pacific Union, Moore/Gordon 339-6460	\$568,000
260 PERKINS ST, Foreclosure. 1bd/1ba condol. New carpet & paint Marino Real Estate 523-9300 SUNDAY 2-4	\$79,500	7717 CLAREMONT, 3bd/3ba w/separate apuair, lo maint, nr shops Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Carolyn Jones 644-5426	\$289,000	108 LATHAM, 3+bd/3ba, graceful home, kit/family room combo Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Carolyn Jones 644-5470	\$499,000
320 LEE, 1 bedroom, wood floors, great view! Mason-McDuffie 337-8670, Gaynell Estlie 763-0351	\$97,500	61 FAIRLAWN, 2/1 hills hm, frpl, big deck, front garden, new pricl Berkeley Hills Realty, Joan Brunswick 524-9888 SUNDAY 2-4	\$259,000	116 LATHAM ST, Elegant 3/2 trad'l, gorgeous arch. details, garden The GRUBB Company, Sheila Gallagher 339-0400	\$479,000
ALAMEDA Open Sunday		2447 ASHBY, Berkeley, 2bd/1ba Coldwell Banker, Lori Arazi 486-1495 SUNDAY 2-4	\$259,000	1834 TRESTLE GLEN RD, 3/2 br shingle, FDR, lg mstr w/deck Coldwell Banker, George Karsant 339-1174	\$449,000
618 WATERFALL ISLE, 4bd/2ba, lovely lagoon home Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Vince Moran 869-4236 SUNDAY 2-4:30	\$350,000	1805 DWIGHT WAY, 3bd plus income Coldwell Banker, Chris Cohn 486-1495 SUNDAY 2-4	\$255,000	119 RAMONA AVE, 3/1+1, am rm, loaded w/charm, garden off EIK The GRUBB Company, Josephine O'Shaughnessy 339-0400	\$389,000
1541 SANTA CLARA, 2bd/1 1/2 "Stonehenge" cottage, endless charm! Pacific Union, Michelle Miller 339-6480 SUNDAY 2-4:30	\$229,000	1300 HENRY, Nc, Berkeley, 2-story Brown Shingle twnmh, affordable Marvin Gardens RE 527-9111, Dee Plunkett 273-9506 SUNDAY 2-4	\$249,900	325 HOWARD AVE, 2+bd/2ba brown shingle, new listing! Huge yard Pacific Union, Lee Jacobson 339-6460	\$359,000
2467 MADISON, Charming 2bd/1ba on a cul-de-sac Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Marieldda Grynbal 869-4226 SUNDAY 2-4:30	\$225,000	1187 STERLING, 3/1 1/2, contractors special/fixer! much redwd/glass Templeton Company, Susie Schevill 652-2133 X144 SUNDAY 2-4	\$249,000	109 YORK, 2bd/1ba sunny charmer. Gorgeous, come see! Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Bill Boze 869-4216	\$325,000
ALBANY Open Sunday		2515 HILGARD, 2 bedrooms, 2 baths Coldwell Banker, Gaby Olander 486-1495 SUNDAY 2-4	\$237,500	124 MORAGA AVE, Updt'd kit/2 baths, 3bd, rumpus, FDR, hill view The GRUBB Company, Debbi Di Maggio 339-0400	\$309,000
826 CORNELL, Split level beauty! 2bd, den, FDR, xtra 1/2ba, ldnscpd Marvin Gardens RE 527-9111, Dee Plunkett 273-9506 SUNDAY 2-4	\$259,000	2336 CALIFORNIA, Berkeley, new listing! Coldwell Banker, Chris Cohn 486-1495 SUNDAY 2-4	\$229,500	RICHMOND Open Sunday	
603 EVELYN, Reduced! trad'l 2+1/2, hwdws, flr, FDR, yd, patio, nw rf Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X109 SUNDAY 2-4	\$219,000	2306 HOWE ST (nr Telegraph/Russell), 2bd/1ba gumwood charmer, deep yard. First Open! College Ave. Realty, Steve Dopkin 845-8008	\$229,000	1228 S. 57th ST, R. Annex, new listing! 2/1, grt area, gardeners yd! Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X113 SUNDAY 2-4	\$149,000
BERKELEY Open Sunday 2-4:30 pm		1422 STANNAGE, Charming 2/1 cottage, FDR, wdstone, picket fence Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X116 SUNDAY 2-4	\$179,000	1644 SAN BENITO, R. Annex, 2/2, fam room, spacious & charming Thorwald Properties, Kathryn Stein 848-1950 X230 SUNDAY 2-4	\$139,000
2057 DEVON WAY, Claremont Hills Med Masterpiece w/pano views! Comish & Carey, Harry Kress 531-2140	\$890,000	1825 VINE #4, 1 bedroom, 1 bath Coldwell Banker, Kim Marienthal 486-1495 SUNDAY 2-4	\$139,900	2021 LINCOLN AVE, 2bd/1ba, price reduced/motivated seller, Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Margaret Boyer 869-4248 SUNDAY 2-4:30	\$99,000
11 GRAVATT DR, New listing, pano.vIEWS! 3bdm w/elevator Mason-McDuffie 845-0211, Miriam Wilson 898-9411	\$825,000	EL CERRITO Open Sunday		SAN LEANDRO Open Sunday	
2 GRAVATT, Terrace/deck/fab bay vws! 3/3 pvt retreat +sep studio Templeton Company, Paul Templeton 652-2133 X131 SUNDAY 2-4	\$795,000	1335 CONTRA COSTA, 3-bridge view! gorgeous & gracious 3/2 1/2 Templeton Company, Ron Egherman 652-2133 X127 SUNDAY 2-4:30	\$595,000	640 ST. MARY, Live/work space Prudential California Realty, Shirley/Bill 886-7511 SUNDAY 1-4	\$334,888
				655 JOAQUIN, 3 bedrooms 1515 G. G. & G. 656-6000 SUNDAY 2-4:30	\$224,900

Fitness & Health



As I See It

by
Dr. Jason A. Deitch

Last week was Kids Day America at The Foundation for Natural Health and Healing and Discover Chiropractic. The participation was inspiring to see so many families come together to celebrate children and their health. Thanks to those who helped make Kids Day such a great success, there are now more children than ever experiencing the positive health benefits of natural health care.

Kid's Day was a magical day due to the support of its many sponsors and supporters. Thanks goes to The City of Oakland and the Office of the Mayor for their official proclamation of Kids Day in Oakland. Thanks to the Oakland Police Department for donating their time to do kid's safety ID cards and for bringing along their friends McGruff and Bumper. Thank you to the Oakland Fire Department for sharing with our kids what to do in case of a fire. Also, thank you to the East Bay Regional Parks Department for their Bicycle patrol stunt demonstration.

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Our guest speaker will be Arno Burnier DC. Arno is an expert in Natural Health methods that release the bodies inborn healing resources. He has performed over 650,000 chiropractic adjustments. He practiced for over 20 years and now travels extensively, committed to making an impact on peoples lives by bringing them back to "The Natural Way". Spend an unforgettable evening with Arno, he will remind you of who you are and what you can become.

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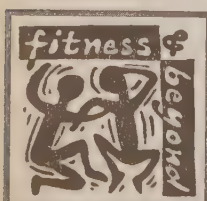
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East Bay Events

Natural born director

Berkeley radio station KPFA presents "An Evening With Oliver Stone" on Sunday Oct. 12 at 7:30 p.m. King Middle School, 1781 Rose St. The filmmaker will discuss his controversial life and work, as well as his recently published novel, "A Child's Night Dream."

Interviewing Stone will be Steve Wasserman, book editor of the Los Angeles Times.

The event is a benefit for listener-sponsored, commercial-free KPFA. Tickets are \$10 and are available at Avenue Books, Black Oak, Cody's, Bonanza Street Books, Diesel Books, Gaia Books, Pendragon and Walden Pond. Information: 848-6767, ext. 609.

Festival at the Lake returns

The 15th annual "Festival at the Lake" is Oct. 11 and 12, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Lakeside Park, Lake Merritt, Bellevue Avenue off of Grand Avenue, Oakland. The outdoor festival features storytelling, a fishing program for children, an information fair, face painting, a theater, boat rides, an Oakland A's speed pitch booth, an exhibit titled "Oakland: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow," a carnival in the Kaiser Center, 300 Lakeside Drive. Thursday, 4 p.m. to 11 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. (Rides are \$10 for a book of 30 tickets. Call to order.) Admission to the festival is \$7 general; \$2 seniors and children. Details: 286-3826.

Youth will be served

Youth Celebration Day in Berkeley is Oct. 18, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The free event in Civic Center Park, Martin Luther King Jr. Way. Between Austin Way and Center Street, features music by Kito Gamble and Faye Carol Sextet, a bike derby, games, food booths, skateboard demonstration, information booths and youth awards. Details: 644-6226.

Home and Hearth

Decorative objects and art that make a house a home highlight Off Center Gallery's "Of Home and Hearth" exhibit opening Oct. 16 and running through Nov. 26 at the gallery, 2136 Oxford St. in Berkeley.

Artist Alex Flores, a Berkeley resident and native of Mexico, is the featured artist. One of his CD cabinets made of recycled wood, acrylic paints, inlaid tile and Mexican hardware is shown.

Works by creators such as Steve Malavolta (wood puzzles), Jeanne Atkins (modern menorahs) and Deborah Hohenberg and Alex Bittar (jewelry) among others, will also be featured. Details: 644-9695.



Take the kids

"Mostly Music" an interactive exhibit that lets you get into music, literally is at the Lawrence Hall of Science through Jan. 11. Learn about harmony vs. dissonance, what it's like inside a guitar, how differences in size and thickness affect the sound of drums, use a computer to compose your own bit of music, hear how changing the tempo or key of a piece of music changes its sound, and more.

Admission is \$6 general; \$4 seniors, students and children age 7 to 18; \$2 children ages 3 to 6; free children under age 3. Daily 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Centennial Drive, University of California, Berkeley. (510) 642-5132.

And don't forget "Saturday Night Stargazing," ongoing. See the moon, planets, star clusters and galaxies through astronomical telescopes, weather permitting. In the Lawrence Hall of Science Plaza. Saturday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. This one's free.

For the grown-ups

Enjoy a night of gaming, food and fun with a 1920s theme at the Cerebral Palsy Center's Monte Carlo Night Oct. 18, at 7 p.m. at the Cerebral Palsy Center for the Bay Area, 4500 Lincoln Ave., Oakland. (Details: 531-3323.)

Just \$20 gets you in the door and proceeds benefit the center.

Shaw play at City Club

The Aurora Theatre Company is staging "Widowers' Houses" by George Bernard Shaw, which opens Oct. 16 and runs through Nov. 16. A young couple falls in love and all is serene until the young man learns the source of the woman's wealth: her father is a slum lord.

Admission is \$20 to \$25 and performances are Wednesday through Saturday, 8 p.m. and Sunday, 2 p.m. at the Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant Ave. Details: 843-4822.

Vietnamese water puppetry

Thang Long Water Puppet Theater, a performance of Vietnamese water puppetry, is being staged Oct. 17 through Oct. 19. Tickets are \$22, but there is a Family Fare Performance, on Oct. 18, at 11 a.m. when all tickets are half price for children age 16 and under.

Performances are Friday, 7 p.m.; Saturday, 11 a.m., 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. at the Greek Theatre, Hearst Avenue and Gayley Road, Berkeley. Tickets: 642-9988 or (510) 762-BASS.

Let's put on a show

The California Shakespeare Festival is holding a "Garage Sale" Oct. 18, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. This is a chance to buy used costumes, props and other theater objects. The free event is at the festival offices, 101 Heinz Ave., Berkeley. Details: 548-3422.

Mama at the CCCT

"I Remember Mama" by John van Druten, opens Oct. 17 and runs through Nov. 22, at the Contra Costa Civic Theatre. The play is a portrait of family life in turn-of-the-century San Francisco. In addition to the regular performances, ticketholders can participate on Oct. 26 and Nov. 2 in a discussion with the director and cast after the matinee performances. Admission is \$10 general; \$6 children and performances are Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m.; Oct. 26 and Nov. 2, 2 p.m. CCCT is at 951 Pomona Ave. in El Cerrito. Details: 524-9132.

Oscar-winning documentary at PFA

Disabled poet and journalist covers 'God, sex politics, baseball — all the big subjects

If you missed it last time around or if you want to see it a second time, *Breathing Lessons: The Life & Work of Mark O'Brien* is coming to town again. The academy-award-winning documentary on the disabled Berkeley poet and journalist will be shown at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 19, in the George Gund Theatre of the UC Berkeley Art Museum and Pacific Film Archive, 2625 Durant Ave., Berkeley.

Mark O'Brien was paralyzed by polio at age 6, losing all use of his limbs and becoming dependent on a respirator to breathe. He lived for 23 years with his parents and for two years in a nursing home before attending UC Berkeley through the Disabled Students' Program. He majored in English and graduated in 1982. He has been an assistant editor at Pacific News Service since then despite living 23 hours a day in an iron lung.

In Jessica Yu's 35-minute film, Mark speaks for himself about his life, about heroism and self-pity, and about "God, sex,



The film's subject, Mark O'Brien, will answer questions from the audience and will join playwright and performance artist Cheryl Marie Wade for conversation and a poetry reading.

politics, baseball — all the big subjects." It is a rare and affecting glimpse into a sensitive and humorous human being living in a way that many people feel they could not. It invites its viewers to reexamine the question, "What makes a life worth living?"

After the movie, Mark will answer questions from the audience and will join playwright and performance artist Cheryl Marie Wade for conversation and a poetry reading.

Admission is by donation of \$10 - \$15, and benefits Lemonade Factory, a small

press publishing the writings of Mark O'Brien and others. Lemonade Factory uses proceeds from book sales to help disabled people with housing and alternative health care, and is currently seeking non-profit and tax-exempt status. Details: 548-2530.

Of internment camps and swing bands

■ *El Cerrito resident's lecture will cover an overlooked topic.*

By Carol Egan

This Sunday at 2 p.m. El Cerrito resident George Yoshida will give a lecture entitled *Of Jive Bombers and Stardusters: Dance Bands in Detention Camps*.

The talk is part of a series of special events presented in connection with two current exhibitions being shown at the Herbst International Exhibition Hall located in San Francisco's Presidio. Half of the exhibition is devoted to Yoshida's recent publication of *Reminiscing in Swingtime: Japanese Americans in American Popular Music, 1925-1960*, a book that documents the history of Japanese American musicians, specifically those who involved themselves with jazz and other popular American musical forms.

For Yoshida the subject is very close to his heart. Born in Seattle in 1922, his family moved south to Los Angeles after the Depression. During his youth Yoshida was one of many Japanese Americans involved with jazz and the big band sound. In 1943, along with 120,000 other Japanese

Americans, two-thirds of whom were American citizens, Yoshida and the other four members of his family were interned. The family shared a 20- by 24-foot room at Poston Detention Camp #1 in Arizona. Yoshida worked as an orderly in the camp hospital, but helped form and was a participating member of the camp's swing band.

As he states in the preface to his book: "We made our living doing other things, relegating the music to a smaller role in our lives. Perhaps, just because our experience in music was so brief, yet so memorable, it has grown in significance as the years have passed - rare objects attain great value over time. For the spiritual uplift in the music; for that short period of creative output; and for the plain enjoyment of it all, we Nisei music makers are thankful."

Most of the 10 permanent internment camps, each of which had a population of 10,000-20,000, had swing bands composed of internees. There were the Starlight Serenaders (at the Santa Anita "Assembly" Center), Rhythmairs (Poston Detention Camp #3) and Harmonaires (Mindoka Detention Camp), the Topaz Tooters (Topaz Detention Camp) and the Tanforan Tooters

(Tanforan "Assembly" Center).

As Yoshida reminisces, "Some of us owned our own instruments which we brought to the camps. I worked in the hospital, but I played in my spare time. The music served to keep our spirits up."

After a year at Poston, Yoshida enlisted and was sent to the Military

Intelligence Language School in Fort Snelling, Minnesota. He was to learn Japanese and become a translator. However, the war ended before he was sent overseas. Soon after war's end Yoshida and his young bride moved to California where he enrolled at UC Berkeley, receiving his teaching credential in 1952. Following his graduation, he was hired by the Berkeley Unified School District to teach fifth and sixth grades at Washington Elementary School.

During the '60s, Herb Wong, an avid jazz advocate and journalist, was Principal. During his tenure he instituted an innovative jazz education program which included a jazz ensemble in which many teachers, including George Yoshida, participated. Among the visitors to the Washington School were Duke Ellington and Oscar Peterson. Those were prime years

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HelioTropé will open Hausmusik series

Hausmusik is readying its 11th season of concerts in the parish hall of St. Alban's Episcopal Church in Albany, an intimate yet acoustically live room, reminiscent of an English manor house.

Opening the season on Oct. 19 is the ensemble HelioTropé, well known for their innovative approaches to traditional medieval music.

Described as "post-modern medieval jazz" HelioTropé will present a program of works from the women troubadours of southern France to the poetry of ee cummings and Theodore Roethke set to medieval melodies.

Also on the program are American folk songs and a performance of "Bloomdido" by the legendary Charlie Parker, as well as new works.

Members of HelioTropé are Joyce Todd, Shira Kammen, Tom Chandler and Barry Hall.

The 1997-98 season will feature five evenings of medieval, Renaissance, baroque, traditional and non-traditional chamber music, in a congenial setting complete with light refreshments.

Concerts sell out early, and advance ticket orders are recommended. All concerts take



Joyce Todd and the other members of HelioTropé perform Oct. 19.

place at St. Alban's, parish hall except for the Dec. 20 program, which will be in the church. The church is wheelchair

accessible, the parish hall is not. Hausmusik can be contacted at 1060 Solano Ave., No. 517, or by calling 524-5661.

ABT: potential unrealized

By Carol Egan

Known best for its repertory of modern ballets, American Ballet Theatre breezed through Berkeley last week with two eclectic programs. The first, performed Tuesday through Thursday at Zellerbach, featured several newer works along with three virtuoso pas de deux while Program B (Friday-Sunday) brought us three of the companies great standards.

The mini-season started off literally with a bang with Twyla Tharp's 1996 ballet entitled *The Elements*. Choreographed to music of Jean-Fery Rebel, an 18th century court musician at Versailles, the ballet follows the structure of the musical composition by depicting cosmic order from chaos through Earth and Water, Fire, and Air to a subsequent series of court dance forms. As aesthetically disorganized as the opening sequence (*Chaos*) was, the dance soon began to show its own compositional structure, becoming more complex and fascinating as the piece went along. The company, obviously used to Tharp's witty vocabulary of movement, looked wonderfully at ease and showed promise of offering a dance feast for the next few days.

The evening's second act consisted of three classical pas de deux: the famous *Le Corsaire* pas de deux, made memorable for American audiences by Nureyev and Baryshnikov; Balanchine's subtle yet very difficult *Tchaikovsky Pas de Deux*; and the flirtatious and flamboyant pas de deux from Don Quixote. Tuesday night's casting featured Susan Jaffe and Ethan Stiefel in a near flawless performance of *Le Corsaire*, Julie Kent and Keith Roberts in a technically brilliant but somewhat cold version of the Balanchine work, and Paloma Herrera and Angel Corella, two of the company's young star dancers, in a fast-paced, almost rushed, interpretation of the Don Quixote pas de deux. Having seen them shine in the full-length version of the ballet in New York, I was disappointed by their inability to capture those exotic characters in this excerpt.

Program A closed with *Cruel World*, a confusing and busy work by James Kudelka. Danced in extremely unattractive costumes (Carmen Alie and Denis Lavoie) and uninspired lighting (Scott Zielinski), the ballet's most

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for Yoshida whose teaching career lasted 35 years.

After retiring from teaching, Yoshida had the idea of forming a band. In 1989 he carried through this plan, creating the J-Town Jazz Ensemble, a 17-member big band consisting primarily of Asian jazz musicians, although several of the group's charter members are non-Asian. Whereas in his earlier musical career Yoshida had played various brass and wind instruments, when he returned to music it was as a drummer. "That was my first love," he admits. "I'm like the house-mother here. This is a non-profit organization. We play for community groups, and we're very non-judgemental."

Members of the J-Town Jazz Ensemble range in age from early 30s up to mid-70s. At a recent rehearsal held at the Lake Park United Methodist Church in Oakland, the sound of the band filled the room with glorious melodies harkening back to the '40s.

Although it seems like writing a book and leading a big band would be enough activity for a 75-year old man, Yoshida's energy seems to know no bounds. For the past 20 years he has also been teaching t'ai chi and Yoga and adds, almost casually, "I initiated a program in gerontology at the Berkeley Unified Methodist Church. I have an off-shoot of that program now at the South Berkeley Senior Center."

This Sunday's lecture/demonstration will feature a slide-lecture by Yoshida in addition to the big band performance. "I'm going to use the band to replicate the sounds of the camp big band." This program as well as the exhibitions are being presented by the National Japanese American Historical Society. The Herbst International Exhibition Hall is located in Building 385, Moraga Ave. (across from the Presidio Theatre). Admission to the exhibition is \$2.50. The lecture/demonstration this Sunday is free of charge.

Lawrence Berkeley invites public to behind-scenes open house

Members of the public can discover the inner workings of the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory during an open house from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Oct. 18.

Organizers say the event will include such scientific gadgetry as the most powerful human-made magnet in the world and a photon-torpedo launcher as big as a barn that can annihilate germs with laser-like beams of X-rays.

Only the second such event in 15 years, the upcoming open house will include hands-on activities, tours and presentations, according to lab spokeswoman Kim Coulthurst.

Children and adults will be able to conduct firsthand experiments in the Family Science Tent, explore the cosmos through a computer link to an astronomical observatory or dissect a virtual frog.

Other technological attractions include ESnet, a communications network which allows scientists to download information at 120,000 pages per minute.

Other displays will highlight research on such subjects as breast cancer treatment and the future of computing.

The Berkeley lab has 3,500 employees and an annual budget of more than \$340 million. It is managed by the University of California for the U.S. Department of Energy and conducts research in physics, chemistry, energy conservation, biology, medicine and genetics.

Food, entertainment and free shuttles from the Berkeley BART station will be provided. For information, call 495-2000.

'Edible Schoolyard' has high placed friends

On Oct. 24, Alice Waters and Jean Pierre Moule of Chez Panisse, Patricia Utermann of Hayes Street Grill, Judy Rodgers of Zuni Cafe, Steve Sullivan of Acme Bakery, David Vardy of O'Chame, Marsha McBride of Cafe Rouge and other chefs will be joined by their children to cook samplings of favorite dishes at stations throughout Berkeley Sur La Table Cookware store at a benefit for The Edible Schoolyard at Martin Luther King Middle School. The event will be held at Sur La Table, 1806 Fourth St. in Berkeley from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$17 for children under 12; \$35 general admission which includes an Edible Schoolyard embroidered denim apron. Wines will be donated by Kermit Lynch. Tickets may be purchased by calling The Edible Schoolyard at 558-1325.

The Edible Schoolyard at Martin Luther King Middle School in Berkeley is a school lunch curriculum in which a vegetable garden and a newly renovated kitchen combine to teach students about sustainable agriculture, good cooking and the joys of sharing food. This pilot project involves the student in all aspects of farming the garden.

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redeeming moments came in the Second Movement (of Tchaikovsky's "Sextet, Opus 70, Souvenir de Florence") which began with a group of six men lifting and supporting a lone female (Christine Dunham) in a series of slow, sustained movements, followed by a remarkably intricate duet, performed with absolute precision and control by Julie Kent and Robert Hill.

For its second program ABT presented three of its most endearing and long-lived repertory pieces, opening with Balanchine's Theme and Variations (1947), continuing with Antony Tudor's The Leaves Are Fading (one of Tudor's last major works for the company, choreographed in 1975), and ending with Jerome Robbins' Fancy Free (1944). One would have thought such a program couldn't fail. Alas, one would have been mistaken.

It's hard to say just where it all went wrong, for in each ballet, different problems popped up. The Balanchine piece showed a general weakness in the company's training and musicality. Tudor's lyrical and romantic work was perhaps the highlight of the evening. The ballet itself, however, is too long and suffered from overkill. Fancy Free, a humorous and playful ballet, created by Robbins years before West Side Story, exhibits many of the characteristics we have come to recognize as Robbins' trademark.

Since the three ballets are radically different in style and content, not to mention musical accompaniment (Tchaikovsky, Dvorak, and Bernstein), one would expect a varied program with multiple textures. Instead what one got was an evening which seemed to be played out at the same energy level, with the same dynamics, throughout. Even within any one of the ballets, dynamics were woefully monotonous. Undoubtedly the fault lies not only with the dancers and their ballet masters, but also with the conductor (Jack Everly) who often seemed to be working against rather than for the dancers.

Despite these problems, the program certainly had memorable moments, not the least of which was the long, difficult and highly romantic pas de deux performed by Amanda McKerrow and Keith Roberts in The Leaves Are Fading and the two solos performed by Angel Corella and Keith Roberts in Fancy Free.

Once again the Berkeley Symphony Orchestra provided a first-rate orchestral backdrop necessary to a ballet company. With the sole exception of when the strings became whiny, the ensemble sound of the large, professional symphony orchestra is.

Thinking back to formations of ABT, one can remember with fondness the individualistic dancers of the '60s and '70s, then the technical virtuosi of the '70s and '80s. The company was a Baryshnikov's direction. It can typecast today's dancers, would have to say they are technically proficient but lacking in musicality, epaulement, and dramatic interpretation.

Until and unless these are incorporated into the dancer's training, we will continue to see a company that has not achieved its potential.



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Wente thinks Yan Can Cook ... with wine

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Wente Vineyards thinks so. That is, as further proof of why it's one of the leading American exporters of wine (more than 50 percent of its production is exported to 126 countries), and showing that is no longer ignoring a market which has long been overlooked, Wente has plunged head-long into Asia — which is proving to be the hottest new global niche.

In order to take advantage of the Asian market, whose booming economies have created a wine consumer who is going ga-ga over prestigious material goods which, of course, includes wine, Wente has employed the services of TV cook Martin Yan to help it further penetrate such countries as Singapore, Hong Kong, Japan, Vietnam, and Thailand.

It's an alliance which is likely to further educate Chinese, Taiwanese, Thais and Vietnamese abroad who until now have thought of wine — mainly highly alcoholic rice wine — as an ingredient used for cooking. Also, as the Asian community furthers its economy, which has been driven by a booming electronic industry, and as Communism gives way to capitalism, we are seeing consumers in that part of the world gobble up material goods — particularly high end goods — faster than any place else on earth.

Asians are coming to table wines for the first time. While they may lack in sophistication and product knowledge, they are

hurting with enthusiasm and money, and are buying up the most expensive wines from around the world at an incredible rate.

And Wente and Martin Yan will be there to satisfy that seemingly insatiable need to learn about wine and, of course, to purchase as much wine as their yen, baht and dollars will allow.

Thus, Wente is capitalizing on Yan — the San Mateo-based cook, the one with the ready smile, swirling knives, and corny cooking quips — who is probably more well-known in Hong Kong and Singapore than he is here.

If the Asian consumers' newly found thirst for wine is any indication, the timing couldn't be better. Yan and Wente over the next year, will take their show on the road to the Orient cooking up a storm and pairing Wente's stable of wines with Yan's food.

They are calling it "fusion" cuisine, which in this case refers to west meets east, and attempting to match the Wente wines with it. I spoke with Yan in a telephone conversation about his involvement in the Wente project and about his interest in wine, which he says is limited. After all, being raised in Guangzhou, China with a kitchen that he says was no bigger than a bathroom, wine was not part of his family's table.

"Wine grapes for centuries have not been grown in Asia, so they are not used to drinking wine," says Yan, who himself keeps only about 75 bottles in his home which he describes as "humble and not big enough to



Alan M. Goldfarb

The Wine File

put in a wine cellar."

For the nonce, Wente is eschewing the wines which have been considered to match well with the spiciness of some Asian foods, wines such as Rieslings, Viogniers, Gewurztraminers, Zinfandels, and the Rhone-style reds. The reason, according to John Schwartz, Wente's vice president of international operations, and the point man on this project, is simply that Wente doesn't have these varietals in its portfolio.

Yan, who was gregarious and even somewhat introspective over the phone, and nothing like his effusive, humorous TV persona, further explained that, "once Asians get into wine, then (they) can learn a lot more about different varietals. Most wineries tend to introduce these (Cabernets and Chardonnays) first because they are more known. When you introduce something so different, so foreign to somebody, and they have never heard of the varietal, it's very hard to educate them."

"I guess the idea is that once you get them hooked, then they can always learn to appreciate other wines."

Living on the west coast of America and on the Pacific Rim,

and particularly in the food and wine conscious Bay Area, we have long-embraced Pan-Asian culture. It's time the folks on the other side of the pond expose themselves to what we are offering here. And Wente will be right there to help facilitate the transition. Schwartz is glad to be there. Why now and why has this market been ignored for far too long?

"Last year remarkably, there was 800,000 cases of Cognac imported to Hong Kong and 200,000 cases of wine," he says. "This year the numbers are reversed. When you think of Hong Kong, you think of higher-class luxury products from France. The market's changed over there."

"There are a lot more winery representatives traveling to Asia promoting and educating and doing winemaker seminars ... and cross-merchandising wine with food now." That's where Martin Yan comes in. Now it'll likely be "Yan Can Cook ... With Wine."

Oakland resident Alan Goldfarb writes regularly on wine. Write to him at Hill Newspapers, Inc., 5707 Redwood Road, Oakland, 94611 with your questions and comments.

Teens: Break into show biz with your song on traffic safety

ALBANY — Bay Area teens in middle schools and high schools will have a crack at stardom. All they have to do is write a short (3-1/2 minutes max), original rap or song and record it on a tape cassette and submit it to Albany Police Department by 5 p.m., Oct. 15.

The theme must be traffic safety. No background music or experience is required.

Entries will be judged on originality, impact, and appeal to a wide audience. The judges are from MTV Network, California Office of the Attorney General, California Superior Court (San Francisco) and Spirit

Wind Studio.

The first place winner receives \$300 and his/her school \$150. Second place winner receives \$200; third place \$150; fourth place \$100. Albany police officers, Elvis & The Lawman, will work with the winning students to have their entries professionally enhanced for a CD/tape cassette album.

The tapes and CD's produced will be distributed to schools, law enforcement and to the public at Elvis and The Lawman music traffic safety presentations.

For more information, contact Tanya Chalupa, 528-5701.

Rent a space now for Community Craft Faire/Flea Market in El Cerrito

EL CERRITO — The city's Community Services, Recreation Division will be sponsoring a Community Craft Faire and Flea Market on Saturday, Nov. 1.

This fundraising event will support childcare and senior service special programs and activities. The Craft Fair and Flea Market will be a gathering place of school groups, business people, information groups and individuals wanting to offer a

service or sell new, used or handcrafted items. Childcare and senior services programs will be organizing the event and selling food.

Fees: Outdoor space; \$15 for two parking spaces. Indoor spaces \$15 for a space approximately 6 feet square.

For more information or a application for this event call Judie Bellotti at 215-4371.

Folk dancing classes at Albany YMCA

Dance to the strains of Balkan, Greek, Israeli and French folk music every Friday night at the Albany YMCA, 921 Kains, just south of Solano Avenue.

A one-hour lesson from 8 - 9 p.m. will be followed by international requests until 11 p.m.

No partners are necessary and beginners are welcome.

The next class is a series of French dances taught by Edith Bourbin April 18 - 25; Erik Bendix will teach Romanian dance May 2 - 9. Call Vera Kahn at 525-1542 for more information.

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Dishing the Dish with The Maven

Remember the Santa Fe Bar & Grill, that intriguing domed building on University that has such a storied historical as well as a restaurant past? Well, The Maven, soon after returning from Santa Barbara, was steered directly to the Santa Fe by a friend who proclaimed it resurrected like some sort of Lazarus.

Indeed, Santa Fe is alive and vital. In its most recent incarnation — it was Jeremiah Tower's first restaurant after being sprung from The Chez, was then taken over by cranky Susan Nelson (after the Fourth Street Grill) and her incendiary chilis, and then by Faz before it reached irrelevancy and finally became moribund.

The very delightful Ahmad Behjati took over late last year, who renovated the old Santa Fe railroad station, tore out the wall which separated a lovely patio from the busy boulevard, and who finally planted a magnificent 4,000 square-foot organic garden.

Behjati is about to get a new young chef from the Ritz-Carlton in S.F. and then he'll bring in as executive chef "a famous French chef who's been around Berkeley for 25 years." Stay tuned. In the meantime, it's time to check out the old Santa Fe again. I did after 10 years, and loved my dinner — roast duck in a zinfandel-fig sauce — along with an eclectic, friendly priced wine list.

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■ **Submissions to Goings On About Town** must be received **Thursdays** one week prior to publication. Listings are on a space-available basis.

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Oct. 9
Youth/Teen Speak Out! If you're age 13 - 21, voice your opinion about what West Berkeley needs in a Speak-Out by West Berkeley Youth and for West Berkeley youth; for more information, call Karen Earle at 644-6400.

Ongoing

Lawrence Hall of Science
LHS Biology Lab; Saturdays and Sundays 1:30 - 4 p.m.; hold and observe gentle animals and ask questions to find out more about living things.

Museum of Children's Art: The Museum of Children's Art is a museum where any child has access to viewing, creating and exhibiting art. The MOCHA gallery exhibits art created by children locally, nationally and internationally, while the art studio allows them the opportunity to create art in workshops, camps, field trips or on their own.

Berkeley Public Library

Baby Bounce and Toddler Tales: Wednesdays at 7 p.m., through Nov. 19; bring your very young children (up to age 3) for programs of songs, rhymes, simple picture books and fingerplays; each half-hour story time includes multicultural materials, some guitar playing, and at least one song or rhyme in Spanish; West Branch, 1125 University Ave.; 644-6870.

Classes

Ongoing

Public Access Television: 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.; a free orientation to find out how to use the resources at Berkeley's public access television center; Oct. 8, Oct. 23; \$25 membership fee covers the beginning three-part field and edit video classes, beginning Oct. 8; for more details, call 848-2288, ask for Rick Sylvain.

Introductory Yoga Class: Berkeley Yoga Center offers a free class the first Friday evening of every month, and other free Friday evening events, where people can come together in the spirit of the community; 649-9812 for details.

Health, Fitness & Community Education: classes open to all in salsa, flamenco, ballroom, Afro-Brazilian, bellydance, modern jazz, yoga, chi gung, tai chi, aikido, karate, self-defense, fitness boxing, and more; University YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, Berkeley; 848-6370; \$7 - \$10 drop in fees.

Salsa Lessons: 7 - 8 p.m., beginners, 8 - 9 p.m. intermediate; Steve Friedman gives Salsa dance lessons every Monday night at the Francis Albin Community Center, 2800 Park St., Berkeley; 287-9501; \$7 for one, \$12 for both lessons.

No Sweat Aerobic & Dance Studio
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Latin Rhythms with Tedje Rose Sundays 12:30 p.m. & Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.
Brazilian Dance with Conceicao Sundays at 11:30 a.m.; Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.; Tuesdays and Thursdays 10:15 a.m.

World Beat Workout by Kristi Rudolf Saturday at 11:30 a.m.; Monday at 5:30 p.m. & Thursday at 6:30 p.m.

1831 Solano Ave., Berkeley; 528-1958; \$7 - \$9

Vista Community College
International Trade Program workshops, 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Oct. 11; Doing Business in the European Economic Community

Oct. 25; International Risk Management

Registration is open until the first class session; 2020 Milvia St., between University and Addison, room 1, Berkeley; \$6.50 residents/\$74 nonresidents.

Community Events

Oct. 9

East Bay K-8 Admissions Fair: 7 - 9 p.m.; representatives from over 40 East Bay schools will offer information to parents; Berkeley Veterans Memorial Building, 1931 Center St. at Martin Luther King Jr. Way; 534-0800 extension 222 for information.

Depression Screenings: 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.; free confidential screening interviews conducted by mental health professionals; Martin Luther King Student Union, Stephens Lounge; 642-2000.

Autumn Music Day: 2 - 7 p.m.; West Berkeley Farmers' Market, University Avenue at 4th St., organic veggies and live music, admission is free, as always; 548-3333.

Oct. 10

Garden Tour: 12:30 - 4:30 p.m.; Elder Abuse Prevention is sponsoring a tour of four of West County's most stunning gardens, including a private tour of U.C.'s Blake Garden and refreshments at all of the other sites; \$15 requested donation includes a raffle ticket with prizes including trips to Hawaii and Las Vegas; 233-3427 for information.

Oct. 11

Indigenous People's Day Powwow and Indian Market: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; intertribal, contest and round dancing; drumming and singing; Native American foods, arts and crafts, and culture; Martin Luther King Park, Allston and Center Streets at Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Berkeley; 615-0603.

The Greening of California: 7:30 p.m.; elected Green Party City Council members from throughout California will participate in a special presentation; Berkeley Store Gallery Annex, 2295 Shattuck Ave. at Bancroft; 44-GREEN (444-7336).

Oct. 15

Flu Clinic: 12:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.; South Berkeley Senior Center, 2923 Ellis St., Berkeley; you must be 60 years or over; \$2 donation, though no one will be denied if unable to contribute; 644-6500

Ongoing

Song Contest: Chief Operator Teen Driving Program, teens are urged to write their own Traffic Safety Song for prizes, fame, and public education; Chief Operator Program, c/o Albany Police Dept., 1000 San Pablo Ave., Albany; 94706 Deadline is Oct. 15.

Buy Coffee, Rescue Animals: Mocha Lisa Espresso Bar and Cafe will donate \$1 per pound of coffee purchased to Tony La Russa's Animal Rescue Foundation through December; Vinyards Shopping Center, Willows Shopping Center in Concord; College Avenue at Alcatraz, Berkeley; 825-7724.

Moms in Community: Mothers encouraging and supporting each other to be their best, grow spiritually, intellectually and socially; Meet new people and build lasting Christian friendships; Share the joys and challenges of parenting;

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Fifty-Plus Fitness Association: 8:45 a.m.; second Sunday of each month; three mile walk/run, wear good running or walking shoes, all levels of ability are welcome, coffee meeting at a nearby restaurant afterward; Tilden Park, Inspiration Point; 530-2790.

Volunteers needed: Crisis support Services of Alameda County, formerly Suicide Prevention, receives nearly 50,000 calls per year and the need for motivated, committed people to serve the 24-hour crisis lines is constant. No prior experience required, training provided; 848-1315.

Volunteers Needed to work in the Alzheimer's Respite Social Day Care program, Tuesdays from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. No experience necessary; call Ellen, 215-4340 for more information.

Kensington 55+ Activity Center
Oct. 9; 11 a.m.; Memory Stories, Virginia Walker presents a writing process for memories. Bring paper.

Oct. 16; 11 a.m.; Travel with Jackie Hetman - slides of Yemen.
Call for the regular weekly schedule, Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave., Kensington; 526-9146.

Exhibits

Oct. 10

"Women Series": through Jan. 2; an exhibit by Impressionist Painter Regine Pressler; reception for the artist Oct. 10 7 p.m.; Red Oak Gallery, 1891 Solano Ave., Berkeley; 527-3387

Ongoing

Body Decoration from Around the World: through January; an exhibit featuring tattooing, body painting and scarification from Europe, Asia, Africa, Australia, North America and South America, shown in photograph, illustrations, paintings, carvings and currency; Tattoo Archive, 2804 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley; 548-5895

Ichisai Kunihoshi: Samurai Stories: through Dec. 28; 20 woodblock triptychs by 19th century Japanese printmaker, focus particularly on the warrior or Samurai stories and explore a nostalgia for a chivalrous past.

Bronze Sculpture and Painting: 7 - 9 p.m.; through Oct. 26; Susan Knopka's lost wax sculptures and figurative painting will be shown at Artworks Foundry, 729 Heinz Ave., Berkeley; 644-2735

Just Kidding Around: through Oct. 28; a selection of Northern California Ceramic artists and their children at work creating our present and future artistic heritage; Toki Gallery, Leslie Ceramic Supply Co., Inc.; 1212 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley; 524-7363.

Jennifer Ewing: through Oct. 19; recent paintings and murals by the artist, reception Sept. 28 from 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.;

Viva! Art Gallery; 1440 University Ave. Berkeley, 548-3791.

Portrait of Spirit: One Story at a Time: through Oct. 24; photos and stories by Billy Howard and Maggie Holtzberg from 25 individuals with disabilities which shatter common myths and challenges able-bodied people's perceptions of disability; Badé Museum at the Pacific School of Religion, 1798 Scenic Ave., Berkeley.

Photographs by David Sanger: through Dec. 10; Albany Community Center Foyer Gallery, 1249 Marin Ave., Albany; 524-9283.

Oil Paintings: through Oct. 21; an exhibit by Marco Vangelisti; weekends 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.; artist reception Sept. 27, 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.; The Fig Tree Gallery, 2599 Eighth St., #42, Berkeley; 540-7843.

Sidney Gordin (1918 - 1996): An Artist's Journey: through Nov. 2; a one person exhibit surveying five decades of painting and sculpture; Berkeley Art Center, 1275 Walnut St.; 644-6893.

Gourds: through Oct. 10; Nancy Miller exhibits her unique collection, including gourds decorated with beads, bones, ostrich feathers, black bamboo, and flowers. "It is the gourds themselves, with their great diversity of shape, surface mottling, and color that help determine how the finished work will look," said Miller; Off Center Gallery, 2136 Oxford St., Berkeley; 644-9695.

Beyond the Shadow: through Oct. 26; a dynamic art exhibit featuring works by women who have survived breast cancer, with an educational series focusing on issues related to the detection, treatment and survival of breast cancer; presented by Alta Bates Medical Center, Salick Health Care, Inc. and the Oakland Museum of California, Oakland Museum of California Collectors Gallery, 1000 Oak St., Oakland; additional pieces will be on view at the Alta Bates Medical Center Lobby Gallery.

Layers of Meaning: through Oct. 12; paintings, prints and sculpture by Laurie Marson, Jean Hearst, Pamela Johnson, Dorothy Porter, Pat Oyama, Joy Stockdale; ACCI Gallery

Ceramic Still Life: through Dec. 13; The California College of Arts and Crafts presents a survey of work by over 40 contemporary ceramic artists from throughout the United States; CCAC's Oliver Art Center at the Oakland Campus, 5212 Broadway; 594-3650.

My Sister, My Sister: throughout October; photos by Meredith Stout, poetry by Zella Brown; Gallery of the Center for Psychological Studies, 1398 Solano Ave., Albany; 524-0291.

Baua Devi: through Oct. 26; a debut exhibition by the Indian artist of paintings on paper and a selection of other works by other artists from the Mithila region of northeastern India; part of the MATRIX program; Berkeley Art Museum, Pacific Film Archive, 2625 Durant Ave., Berkeley.

Jews, Germany, Memory: Photographs by Edward Serotta, 1988 - 96: the Berlin-based photojournalist's thought-provoking photos and text probe the future of Jewish life in contemporary unified Germany; through Oct. 12; Judah L. Magnes Museum, 2911 Russell St., Berkeley; 549-6950.

Berkeley Art Museum

Oct. 11; Knowledge of Higher Worlds: Rudolf Steiner's Blackboard Drawings; through Jan. 4, surprisingly contemporary drawings done by scholar and mystic Steiner over 75 years ago.

Oct. 15; Premonition: Luc Tuymans, Drawings; through Jan. 11; one of the most highly regarded artists working in Europe today, includes over 90 works dated from the mid-70s to the present.

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Lectures and Workshops

Oct. 10

City Commons Club: 11:15 a.m.; Scott Little, Associate Publisher, Hills Newspapers, on "The Media Today"; Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant Ave., 848-3533 or 845-4725 for reservations; lunch served from 11:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.; \$10.75 - \$12.25; speaker starts at 12:30 p.m.; admission with coffee, \$1.

Yoga for a Healthy Immune System: 6:30 - 8 p.m.; free talk at the Berkeley Yoga Center; 1250 Addison St., Suite 209 (upstairs), Berkeley; 649-9812.

Oct. 11/12

German Days in North Berkeley: 11 a.m., 3 p.m. Saturday; 3 p.m. Sunday; lectures and folk songs in German; Sebastian Knopp House at 1910 Berryman

St., Berkeley; nine blocks north of university Ave., 3 blocks west of Shattuck Ave.

Oct. 12
Worldly/Unworldly: Rudolf Steiner and the Twentieth Century: 2 p.m.; part of "Knowledge of a Higher World: Rudolf Steiner's Blackboard Drawings" exhibition at the Judah L. Magnes Museum, 2911 Russell St., Berkeley.

Freedom From Identification: 7 p.m.; astrophysicist Piet Hut returns to Berkeley to discuss his new way of looking at the world in terms of freedom; Tibetan Nyingma Institute, Highland Park, Berkeley, 841-6811.

An Evening with Oliver Stone: 8 p.m.; the director discusses his controversial life and work. King Albee School, 1781 Rose St., North Berkeley; 848-6767 extension 609; \$10; KPFA Radio.

Oct. 14

Cal Berkeley Democrats: 7 p.m.; speaker to be announced, and a film, "Fragile Promise of Choice: Abortion in the United States Today"; 105 North Hall, UC-Berkeley, corner of Hearst and Euclid; Dana Mathes, 428-1964 for more information.

Oct. 16

Paris Transforming: The Belle Époque and the Horror of Urban Reconstruction: 8 p.m.; Leonard P. Tuttle shows over 100 slides of 19th century Paris, where, during the 1850s and 1860s, 20,000 buildings were demolished and 45,000 constructed in their place; Berkeley Store Gallery, 2295 Shattuck Ave.

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Goings

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Ongoing
Reminiscent Writing as a Path to Personal Enrichment, 2 - 4 p.m.: a creative writing class offering a safe time and space for personal growth through recovering and writing about memories of experiences influential in your life histories; Berkeley Fellowship of Unitarian Universalists, 1606 Bonita Ave., Cedar Street; \$75 suggested donation, anyone will be denied enrollment for lack of funds; 655-5646.

Art-On-Site, 10-week slide lecture and field trip series to museums, galleries and exhibitions through Nov. 1997; Berkeley-Richmond Jewish Community Center, 1414 Walnut St., near Rose Shattuck; 848-0731 for enrollment.

Turning Point Career Center
 Oct. 9, 1:30-2:30 p.m.: Targeting Job Objectives that Work for You; \$5
 Oct. 14, 12 - 1 p.m.: Developing & Administering Programs for Job Training with Julie Jensen of Pacific Meditation Center; \$3

Oct. 14, 4 p.m.: Assess Your Skills & Yourself a Winning Hand; \$15
 Oct. 14, 1:30 p.m.: Free Job Hunter's Registration
 Oct. 14, 7-8 p.m.: Oct. 16: 1:30-2:30 p.m.: Phone Techniques that Will Generate Information & Leads; \$5
 Oct. 16, 4-5 p.m.: drop in support group for job seekers and career changers; \$10

University YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, Berkeley, 484-6375

Library Events

Oct. 14
Autumnal Armchair Mystery Evenings, 7 p.m.: Janet Dawson, *Witness to the Storm*; Susan Holtzer, *Black Diamond*; C. Newburn/Books with "Tricky," 950 Pablo Ave., Albany; 524-1370

Oct. 15
Milton Murayama, 7:30 p.m.: the author reads from his work at Berkeley Public Library's South Branch, 1901 Shattuck; 644-6860

Ongoing
WORD! a political poetry workshop, 7-8:30 p.m., Mondays through Oct. 24; (no classes Oct. 13, Nov. 10); a series for teens and adults, sponsored by Free Skool and the Berkeley Public Library; an exciting and supportive place to read, write, discuss poetry and grow as a poet in a political world; Berkeley Public Library, South Branch, 1901 Shattuck; 644-6860

Black Oak Books
 Oct. 9, 7:30 p.m.: Lynn Freed, *The Error*
 Oct. 12, 7:30 p.m.: Thomas Cleary, *Five Houses of Zen*
 Oct. 14, 7:30 p.m.: Maxon Crumb, *Woman's Poet*
 Oct. 15, 7:30 p.m.: Jim Paul, *Medicine LA*
 Oct. 16, 7:30 p.m.: Nicholas Delbanco, *Scores*
 8491 Shattuck Avenue at Vine, Berkeley; 486-0698

Easy Going Travel Shop & Bookstore
 Oct. 14, 7:30 p.m.: Packing Demonstration by Judith Gilford, author of *The Travel Book: Secrets of the Carry-On*
 1885 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley; 843-0101

Gaia Bookstore and Community Center
 Oct. 9, 7:30 p.m.: Michael Murphy, *Kingdom of Shivas Irons*
 Oct. 10, 7:30 p.m.: Kenny Ausubel, *Being the Earth: Visionary solutions in the Bioneers*
 Oct. 12, 12 p.m.: Susan Levitt; *Taoist Ecology: A Handbook of the Authentic Ecological Tradition*
 Oct. 14, Michael Fox and Ann Marzullo with *Conscience: The Bioethics of Food and Food Pets Die For*
 Oct. 15, 7:30 p.m.: Shakti Gawain, *Living True Prosperity*
 Oct. 16, 7:30 p.m.: Susan Moon and Kate Friedman, *Being bodies: Buddhist Women on the Paradox of Embodiment*, introduced by author and activist Ermachild Chavis, followed by a fund-raising celebration dance party
 8400 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley; 848-0000, all events \$3.

Meetings
Oct. 14
Good Morning Berkeley!, 7-8:30 a.m.: Berkeley Chamber of Commerce Monthly Breakfast Meeting, "Show Me Money!" The Balance Between Needs and Desires of a City with speaker Phil Hartz, Berkeley Deputy City Manager; Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant St.; \$25 includes buffet breakfast.

Ongoing
Northern California Stop Cassini
 Oct. 10, 7 p.m.: every Wednesday; or going to stop space probe carrying 72 pounds of plutonium; 1606 Bonita at Shattuck; (next to Unitarian Church) 4055 or (707) 772-5264.

McGee Avenue Toastmasters Club
 Oct. 10, every second and fourth Monday; Month, talking to yourself; McGee Toastmasters is the friendly club dedicated to improving speaking skills and building confidence; Social hall of McGee Community Center, 1640 Stuart St., Berkeley; Eila James, 548-5399 for more information.

Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Catholics
 Oct. 16, 7:30 p.m.: "Over the Rainbow: Church, MANY Colors"; the group meets each first and third Thursday of the month; The Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Catholics seek to affirm and to integrate sexuality and spirituality in the Christian faith through the Catholic tradition; Newman Hall, 2700 Dwight Way at College Avenue, Berkeley; Wendy, 849-3910 or Antonio at 841-7718.

Greater San Francisco Bay Area chapter of the Alzheimer's Association, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., second Saturday of each month; offering help, information and support to families and/or caregivers of a loved one who has been diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease through their support group program.

Toastmasters on Campus, 6:15 p.m.: practice public speaking in a supportive environment; every Tuesday; 2515 Hillegass Ave., Berkeley; Odette Larde, 643-7645 (w) or Al Mangarin 970-4355 (w).

East Bay Genealogical Society, 10 a.m. the second Wednesday of every month; every meeting is preceded by an hour (9 a.m. - 10 a.m.) of casual "drop in" meeting for members and guests who are encouraged to bring problems to the forum for help and possible solutions; Latter Day Saints Interstate Center, 4798 Lincoln Ave., Oakland, Room 30; 635-6692.

TOPS, 7:15 - 8:30: Take Pounds Off Sensibly (TOPS) meets every Thursday evening; First Baptist Church, Richmond, Solano below Arlington; Betty Coates, 235-0490 for more information.

TOPS, 9:30 a.m. weigh in; 10:30 a.m. meeting; Albany Chapter, meets Monday mornings; 980 Stannage Ave., Albany; 528-9056 (Paul).

Avatar Metaphysical Toastmasters, 6:15 - 7:30 p.m.: public speaking skills and metaphysics come together; ongoing meetings first and third Thursdays; 2515 Hillegass Ave., Berkeley; 848-6510.

Berkeley Gray Panthers
 Oct. 14, 1 p.m.: Transportation Committee
 Oct. 14, 12:30 p.m.: Health Committee
 Oct. 14, 2 p.m.: Board Meeting
 Oct. 15, noon: Education Meeting
 Oct. 16, 2 p.m.: Housing Committee
 Media Committee; Call Bob Purdy at 486-8010
 1403 Addison St., Berkeley; 548-9696

Music
Oct. 12
Berkeley Art Center, 7:30 p.m.: the Ellen Gronningen Trio performs works by Ravel and Mozart; 1275 Walnut St., between Rose and Eugene Streets in Live Oak Park; 644-6893; \$10

Ensemble ChiaroScuro and the Acalanes Chamber Orchestra, 3 p.m.; Ann Krinitz conducts the music of Bartok, Shostakovich, Ellen Taaffe and Zwilich; The Jazzschool, 2375 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley; 845-5373; \$15.

Oct. 15
Essence of Harmony: Javanese Gamelan, 12:15 - 1 p.m.: Gamelan Sari Raras and guest dancers directed by Ben Brinner and Santosa; Hertz Hall, UC-Berkeley; 642-4864

Ashkenaz
 Oct. 9, 9 - 2 p.m.: Grateful Dead Night; \$4
 Oct. 10, 9:30 p.m.: The Webs: Rock and Roll Grateful Dead Style; \$7 - \$10
 Oct. 11, 9:30 p.m.: Brazil 2001; \$10
 Oct. 12, 6 - 11 p.m.: DJ International Mix; \$4
 Oct. 14, 9 p.m.: Salsa Dance Party; \$6
 Oct. 15, 9 p.m.: Creole Bells; \$7
 1317 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley; 525-5054

Blake's
 Oct. 9, 9:30 p.m.: House Techno Jungle DJ Dance Music - 18 and over; \$5
 Oct. 10, 9:30 p.m.: Jungle Biskit with New Sun Born: Jazz/Funk/Hip-Hop; \$5
 Oct. 11, 9:30 p.m.: Segue and Stroke 9; Rock; \$5
 Oct. 12, 10 p.m.: Sunday Band Showcase with Stay High Tribe; \$2
 Oct. 13, 9:30 p.m.: Steve Gannon and the Monday Blues Jam; \$3
 Oct. 14, 9:30 p.m.: The Groove Junkies; Funk/Jazz/Hip-Hop - 18 and over; \$5
 Oct. 15, 9:30 p.m.: Atomic Wednesday; \$3
 Oct. 16, 9:30 p.m.: House Techno Jungle DJ Dance Music - 18 and over; \$5
 2367 Telegraph Ave., Berkeley; 848-0886

Caribbean Spice
 Oct. 14, Tom Rigney & Flambeau
 1920 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley; 843-3035; dinner from 6 - 9:45 p.m.; dancing from 8 - 11 p.m.

Freight & Salvage
 Oct. 9, John McCutcheon. Utah Phillips, benefit for Traveling Musicians Union
 Oct. 10, World of Slide Guitar
 Oct. 11, David Olney, Annette Bjergfeldt opens
 Oct. 12, Fred Small
 Oct. 13, Janawirri Yiparrka; Stephen Kent/Eda Maxym Trio; Taté Sapé
 Oct. 15, M-Pact
 Oct. 16, Joe Craven
 1111 Addison St., Berkeley; Doors open at 7:30 p.m.; 548-1761

Jupiter
 Oct. 10, 6 p.m.: Gavin Distasi Duo; 8:30 p.m.: Go Van Gogh
 Oct. 11, 8:30 p.m.: Polkacide
 Oct. 15, 8:30 p.m.: Papa's Culture
 2181 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley; (510) THE-TAPS; no cover.

La Peña Cultural Center
 Oct. 9, 8 p.m.: Brazilian music, Choros e Saudades; \$8 - \$6
 Oct. 11, 8:30 p.m.: Keith Terry and Crosspulse; \$12
 Oct. 12, 3 p.m.: Hail Bebo #6 honoring Billie Holiday; 8 p.m.: Tangata Rea; \$15 at the door
 Oct. 16, 8 p.m.: A celebration of youth, revolution, freedom and peace; \$7
 3105 Shattuck Ave; Berkeley 849-2568.

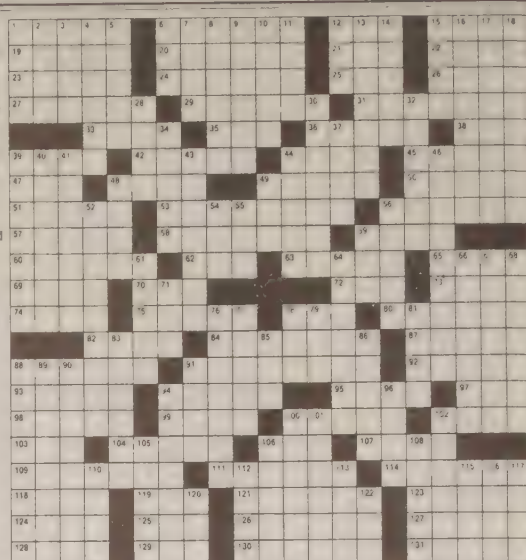
Starry Plough Restaurant & Pub
 Oct. 9, 9:30 p.m.: Spikedrivers, Buffalo Room; \$4 - \$10 sliding
 Oct. 10, 9:45 p.m.: The Nields, Wild Bouquet; \$6
 Oct. 11, 9:45 p.m.: Tempest CD release party, Dog Named Blue; \$6
 Oct. 16, 9:30 p.m.: Backwash, Sandy Coates, Thom Moore; \$4
 3101 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley; 841-2082

New York Times Magazine Puzzle

BASEBALL BY THE NUMBERS

BY DERRICK NIEDERMAN / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

- ACROSS**
 1 Freight
 6 Player with this retired number
 12 Overly smooth
 15 "... this scepter" — "Richard II"
 19 Site of Joan of Arc's demise
 20 Dutch royal house
 21 Goof
 22 Switchblade
 23 Words before clear or way
 24 Player with this retired number, informally
 25 Famed ralsplitter
 26 TV
 27 Midwest capital
 29 Center of Anytown, U.S.A.
 31 Golfer Juli
 33 Tennis's Nastase
 35 Film director — Lee
 36 Exceed
 38 Hearty cheer
 39 Without a date
 42 "at em!"
 44 Johnson of "Laugh-In"
 45 Throat projection
 47 Where the Paraná River is: Abbr.
 48 First name in horror
- DOWN**
 1 Lit — (college course)
 2 Top-flight
 3 Player with this retired number
 4 Player with this retired number
 5 "Peyton Place" actor
 6 Decimate, with "down"
 7 — and Thummim (Judaic objects)
 8 Obsession
 9 Kind of skate
 10 Curing, in a way
 11 Noted Virginia family
 12 Shade of green
 13 Umpire
 14 Movement
 15 Practitioners' suffix
 16 Season record for which Grover Cleveland Alexander had this number
 17 One smeared in England
 18 Big name in batteries
 28 Blue —
 30 Sink
 32 Player with this retired number
 34 Sought lampreys
 37 Western Athletic Conference team
 39 Skating jump
 40 Object with three round projections
 41 Nickname
 42 Like certain elections
 44 Player with this retired number
 46 Clothing
 48 Rabbit or Fox precursor
 49 Murmur
 52 Swampy tract
 54 Hubris source
 55 Nor. neighbor
 104 Prand name at picnics
 108 Know-how
 107 London gallery
 109 Team that won this many games in 1961
 111 Member of the only team to win this many games in a season
 114 Classic action figures
 118 Boast
 119 Free (of)
 121 Wield
 123 Supercharger
 124 Height: Prefix
 125 Debenture, basically
 126 More cunning
 127 Open
 128 Bygone era
 129 Charlotte-to-Raleigh dir.
 130 Season record for which Rickey Henderson had this number
 131 Actress Young and others



- 56 First TV series to show a baby being born, 1955
 59 60's chess champ
 61 Impugns
 64 Harshest sentence
 66 Enclosed part of a blimp
 67 Season record for which Earl Webb had this number
 68 Bony
 71 Printemps follower
 76 Region of 101-Down
 77 Rundown
 78 Vegetable container
 79 Plastic — Band
 81 Turkish title
 83 — Good Times Really Over (1982 country hit)
 85 Golly
 86 Good will, e.g.
 88 Meower
 89 V.I.P.
 90 "Hamlet" locale
 91 Custard
 94 What an apostrophe may signal
 96 Bummer
 100 Superlarge drink
 101 Where Firenze is
 102 Inispid
 105 Spooky
 106 Let in
 108 Emperor after Vespasian
 110 Tae — do
 112 The latest
 113 Carol
 115 Killer whale
 116 "My People" author
 117 Absorbs, with "up"
 120 Scheduled
 122 Many mos

Outdoors

Oct. 12
Tilden Park, Berkeley 1A Hike: 5 p.m.: meet at Lone Oak Picnic area for a one hour hike through the woods; directions — from Grizzly Peak Boulevard, down Canyon Drive, right on Central Park Drive to Lone Oak parking area; rain cancels; Vera, 234-8949 (Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.).

Berkeley Hiking Club
 Oct. 12, 9 a.m.: mini hike, Golden Gate National Recreation Area, led by Lulu Karp; rain cancels; five miles; 524-0765

Oct. 12, 8:30 a.m.: Sunol Regional Wilderness; led by Henry Stavan; about seven miles; rain cancels; 526-7963
 P.O. Box 147, Berkeley, 94701; \$5 yearly dues

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Oct. 16, 7 p.m.: Across the Kenai Peninsula Alaska-style, a slide presentation with Dave Hooper
 1338 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley; 527-4140.

Religion

Oct. 9
Presbyterian Women in St. John's Presbyterian Church, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.; speaker, Agnes Lyon from the Solid Foundation (Mandella House) in Oakland; 2727 College Ave., Berkeley; 527-3052 or 848-1350 for reservations.

Oct. 10
Yom Kippur Observance, 7:30 p.m.; Society for Humanistic Judaism, Northern California Chapter, at the Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin Ave.;

\$30 per person, young adults (12 - 19) \$15, under 12 free, reservations required; 933-1284 or (415) 333-7039.

Oct. 11
California Christian University Open House, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.; introduces the Blenheim Bible Study Program, a series of six hour seminars; 558-8228.

Oct. 12
Agape Baptist Church; Dr. Emmanuel Odeunmi will be speaking; Tune to KXBT 1190 AM radio by 9:30 every Sunday to hear Dr. John's messages from previous Sundays. Child care provided. Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin Ave.; 233-8867

Berkeley Fellowship of Unitarian Universalists, 10:30 a.m.; "Celebrating Indigenous Peoples' Spirituality" presented by Wally Johnson and Liz Fisher;

children's religious education classes from preschool through junior high; childcare for toddlers. 1924 Cedar St. (at Bonita), Berkeley, 841-4824

Christian Science Service, 10 a.m.: "Are Sin, Disease and Death Real?" Sunday School for young people, Second Church of Christ Scientist, 1521 Spruce St., Berkeley, 848-2047

Ahavat Yisrael
 Oct. 10, 6:20 p.m.: Kol Nidrei
 Oct. 11, 8 a.m.: Yom Kippur
 Masonic Hall, 897 Colusa Ave., Berkeley; 273-9003

Chabad of the East Bay
 Oct. 10, 6:15 p.m.: Kol Nidrei
 Oct. 11, 9:30 a.m.: morning service
 UC-Berkeley Student Union, corner of Telegraph and Bancroft, please call Yael to make reservations. 540-5824

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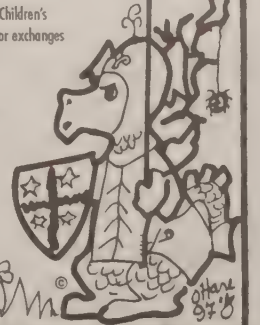
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